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STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
LEGAL & PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

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JUNE 10, 2020 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 8:34 a.m.

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Present:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman  
Robert Coffey, Trustee  
Michael Carey, Trustee  
Cindy Cieslak, Commission Counsel, Rose Kallor  
Michael Rose, Commission Counsel, Rose Kallor  
Bruce Barth, Commission Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole  
Alisha Sullivan,  
Commission Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole  
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director  
John Garrett, Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting

Karen Vibert, LSR #00064

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(Proceeding commenced at 8:34 a.m.)

MR. ADOMEIT: We'll call the meeting to order. We need a motion to go into executive -- I guess we need to approve the agenda, first of all.

MR. BARTH: I don't have the agenda in front of me, but if the equity refund issue was on the agenda, we should take it off.

MS. CIESLAK: It is on the agenda.

MR. BARTH: We should remove that.

MR. ADOMEIT: Which number is that, Cindy?

MS. CIESLAK: No. 4.

MR. ADOMEIT: My agenda is out of date. I have Hartford Housing as my first item.

MS. CIESLAK: Yes, that's still the first item. The item Bruce is talking about is listed as No. 4, equity refunds exclusion ratio.

MR. ADOMEIT: I need to forget about it now, correct?

MS. CIESLAK: It's there and someone should move to amend the agenda and to remove it from the agenda.

MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Thank you.

Do I hear such a motion?

MR. COFFEY: I'll move to approve the

1 agenda as posted on the comptroller's website, with  
2 the amendment to remove item No. 4, equity refunds  
3 exclusion ratio.

4 MR. CAREY: Second.

5 MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye. The  
6 ayes have it.

7 Okay. We need now to go into  
8 executive session.

9 MR. COFFEY: I'll move to go into  
10 executive session with regard to all remaining items  
11 on the executive session agenda, and invite legal  
12 counsel, as well as John Herrington and  
13 John Garrett, if he arrives, for whatever particular  
14 matter he's going to participate in.

15 MR. CAREY: Second.

16 MS. CIESLAK: For discussion -- Peter, do  
17 you mind if we have a brief discussion?

18 MR. ADOMEIT: Sorry. Any discussion?

19 MS. CIESLAK: I want to add that  
20 John Garrett just said hi. Good morning, John.

21 MR. GARRETT: Good morning, Cindy.

22 MS. CIESLAK: We have asked John Garrett  
23 to participate in item 1, Hartford Housing  
24 Authority, and I would also like him to stay for  
25 item 2, CMERS liability allocation.

1 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Understood.

2 Are we now in executive session?

3 MS. CIESLAK: We need a vote on the  
4 motion.

5 MR. ADOMEIT: We need a vote on the  
6 motion. I confuse easily at 8:30 in the morning.

7 All in favor say aye. The ayes have  
8 it. It's unanimous.

9 (The Subcommittee was in executive session  
10 from 8:35 a.m. until 10:28 a.m.)

11 MS. CIESLAK: I have turned the recording  
12 on. Please be reminded to announce who is speaking  
13 for the recording and the transcript.

14 MR. ADOMEIT: Thank you, Cindy. Are there  
15 any motions?

16 MR. COFFEY: Yes. With regard to the  
17 Dawn Lapan matter, I move that we recommend to the  
18 Commission that it reconsider the Lapan matter and  
19 also recommend that the Commission refer it to the  
20 Purchasing Subcommittee.

21 MR. CAREY: I second.

22 MR. ADOMEIT: Is there any discussion?  
23 All in favor say aye. Unanimous, the ayes have it.

24 Okay. Thank you.

25 MR. COFFEY: With regard to the Cicarella

1 matter, I move that we recommend to the Commission  
2 that it remand Cicarella's application to the MEB  
3 for a final review with a specific directive that  
4 although the MEB remains independent from the  
5 Workers' Compensation Commission and its standard,  
6 the CMERS disability statute requires it to consider  
7 municipal service -- municipal service to connected  
8 disability applications pursuant to a standard  
9 defined by the Workers' Compensation Act; therefore,  
10 the MEB should consider if she meets the standard  
11 and expressly address this analysis.

12 MR. CAREY: Second.

13 MR. ADOMEIT: Very good. Any further  
14 discussion? All in favor say aye. Unanimous, the  
15 ayes have it.

16 MR. COFFEY: With respect to the  
17 Jacqueline Lawrence matter, I move that we recommend  
18 to the Commission that it remand the Lawrence matter  
19 to the MEB.

20 MR. CAREY: Second.

21 MR. ADOMEIT: All right. All in favor say  
22 aye. Opposed? This is unanimous. The ayes have  
23 it.

24 MR. COFFEY: With respect to the Grzeszyk  
25 matter, I recommend that -- I move that we recommend

1 to the Commission that it authorize Commission  
2 counsel to start working on a draft declaratory  
3 ruling in this matter.

4 MR. CAREY: Second.

5 MR. ADOMEIT: Any further discussion?  
6 Hearing none, all in favor say aye. Unanimous. The  
7 ayes have it.

8 MR. COFFEY: That's all I have, Peter.

9 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. That's enough. I  
10 guess New Business is not on here, so I won't call  
11 for any New Business. I think we are in danger of  
12 being at the end of the agenda.

13 MR. COFFEY: With that, I'll move that we  
14 adjourn.

15 MR. CAREY: I second.

16 MR. ADOMEIT: Thank you, both. All in  
17 favor say aye. Unanimous. The ayes have it. Thank  
18 you all very much. It was a very productive day.

19 (Concluded at 10:32 am.)

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