

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

JUNE 16, 2022 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:09 a.m.

Present:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman
Karen Buffkin, Trustee
Michael Carey, Trustee
Martha Carlson, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
Carl Chisem, Trustee
Robert D. Coffey, Trustee
John Disette, Trustee
John Flores, General Counsel Office of the Treasurer, Ex Officio
Member
Sal Luciano, Trustee
Karen Nolen, Trustee
Claude Poulin, Trustee
Angel Quiros, Trustee
Mark Sciota, Municipal Liaison
Timothy Ryor, Trustee

Absent:

Michael Bailey, Trustee
Michael O'Brien, Trustee
Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee

Also present were:

Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson & Cole
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
John Garrett, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC
John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
Yamuna Menon, General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Office of
the State Comptroller
Colin Newman, Assistant Director, Retirement Services Division
Russell Zimmerlin, Counsel for Patrick Butler
Nicole Tomassetti

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:09 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, we'll call the
6 meeting to order. This is Peter Adomeit. This is the
7 June 16th, 2022 meeting of the State Employees
8 Retirement Commission being held by teleconference
9 using Zoom technology.

10 Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

11 MS. CIESLAK: Yes. Good morning. This is
12 Cindy Cieslak. Present today we have Chairman Peter
13 Adomeit; Trustee Angel Quiros; Tax Counsel from
14 Robinson & Cole, Bruce Barth; Trustee Carl Chisem;
15 myself, General Counsel from Rose Kallor, Cindy
16 Cieslak; Actuarial Trustee Claude Poulin; Trustee John
17 Disette; General Counsel to the Office of the
18 Treasurer, Ex Officio Member of the Commission, John
19 Flores; Retirement Services Division Director John
20 Herrington; Trustee Karen Buffkin; Trustee Karen Nolen;
21 Municipal Liaison Mark Sciota; Deputy Comptroller and
22 Ex Officio Member of the Retirement Commission Martha
23 Carlson; Trustee Michael Carey; General Counsel and
24 Assistant Comptroller Yam Menon; Trustee Robert Coffey;
25 Trustee Sal Luciano; Actuarial Trustee Tim Ryor; and we

1 have John Garrett from Cavanagh Macdonald.

2 Is there anybody that I missed? Thank you
3 very much.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you, Cindy. We need
5 a motion to amend the agenda. Claude Poulin, please.

6 MR. POULIN: This is Claude Poulin. Mr.
7 Chairman, I move to amend the agenda to add after Item
8 17 the following Item 18, request the Commission to
9 accept the GASB 67 Report for the Connecticut Municipal
10 Employees Retirement System Prepared as of June 30th,
11 2021, and the following Item 19, request the Commission
12 to accept the GASB 68 Report for the Connecticut
13 Municipal Employees Retirement System Prepared as of
14 June 30th, 2021.

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you. Is there a
16 second?

17 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say
19 aye, or raise your hand.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous. The eyes
22 have it. Thank you.

23 Okay, next item on the agenda is therefore
24 the Chairman's Report, and I just want to send out a
25 shoutout to both John Herrington and Marty for their

1 abilities to control what's happening out there in the
2 world of - in the real world that we deal with. Thank
3 you, folks.

4 Division Director's Administrative Report,
5 John Herrington.

6 MR. HERRINGTON: Yes. So good morning,
7 everyone. The report today is that we are absolutely
8 kind of in the midst of the surge, the retirement surge
9 for 2022. As you can see, there is a considerable
10 amount of activity. We have had approximately 723
11 retirements for June. So, you know, at least three,
12 three and a half times what we would expect for normal,
13 and it projects that we will have, you know, somewhere
14 close to 1,300 retirements for July. We're working
15 through all of those right now. And at this point, we
16 have kind of prescreened and audited the vast majority
17 of those cases and we're just waiting for the
18 applications to come in.

19 For July, we've received in-house about 550
20 applications for July. So there's somewhere around 800
21 more that we need to look through as they come in. But
22 that has certainly kind of been the focus of our
23 attention over the past couple of months and we're
24 definitely in the midst of it now. We're also dealing
25 with a number of retirements ourselves. So Annette

1 Sadlowski was the coordinator of our disability unit
2 and she had been in that position for, you know, over
3 20 years. She's retired June 1st, so we're
4 transitioning in that unit as well. But, you know,
5 we've made a great deal of progress over the past two
6 years or so in terms of getting that caseload under
7 control.

8 So I do believe we're in a good position
9 going forward, but it does look like the total number
10 of retirements for the current year from July 1st of
11 2021 to June 30th of 2022 is going to fall somewhere
12 between, you know, 5,500 and 5,700 total retirements.
13 So that's quite a large number.

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you, John.

15 Marty, is there anything to add, please?

16 MS. CARLSON: No, just to, you know,
17 reiterate what John is saying is there is a lot of
18 incoming this month from retirements, you know, coupled
19 with the SEBAC agreement, you know, salary changes and
20 our own retirements. But I think - John, correct me if
21 I'm wrong, I feel pretty good that we're in a good
22 place.

23 We had a lot of data that we were able to
24 scrub and send to the prepopulated applications over to
25 the pod that theoretically helped, you know, them to

1 expedite their applications. But still, anything that
2 those applications needed had to go back out to the
3 member, sometimes by mail, and back in. So there's a
4 struggle, I think, on the front end.

5 John, am I stating that correctly?

6 MR. HERRINGTON: That's about right, but, I
7 mean, I do believe that those are trickling in. The
8 issue that kind of is, you know, not a major concern to
9 me, but the part that we can't necessarily quantify or
10 account for would be the number of individuals who have
11 yet to make their decision or have yet to inform anyone
12 of their decision. So to the extent that over these
13 next couple of weeks we have hundreds of people that
14 jump for the first time, we wouldn't have had an
15 opportunity to work on those cases.

16 We haven't seen that much of that type of
17 activity in the previous months, so I hope that that's
18 not going to be an issue going forward. But seeing as
19 that this is kind of the deadline, this would be the
20 month that I would expect to see a little bit more of
21 that type of activity.

22 MS. CARLSON: And just to remind everyone
23 that members have until June 30th to drop an application
24 for July 1, and we only have a couple of weeks in July
25 to work on those before we have to do payroll-confirm.

1 So I think that's the pinch point I'm worried about. I
2 know John's got several pinch points, but that's the
3 one I'm worried about, to make sure everybody gets
4 paid.

5 That's all I have, Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you.

7 Cindy, would you note please that Attorney
8 Russell Zimmerlin has joined us?

9 MS. CIESLAK: Chairman, I would like to -
10 this is Cindy Cieslak. I would like to note for the
11 record that Colin Newman from the Retirement Services
12 Division, Assistant Director has joined us, Russell
13 Zimmerlin, Attorney has joined us, and Nicole
14 Tomassetti has joined us.

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, thank you.

16 Moving on to new matters, Sal?

17 MR. LUCIANO: I'd appreciate it if somebody
18 else could move the agenda today.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Let's see, who do I
20 call on? How about Michael Carey? Michael?

21 MR. CAREY: Good morning, everybody. We'll
22 pick up the new matters. First matter on the agenda is
23 request - I move that we approve the minutes from the
24 May 19th, 2022 session.

25 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: By Sal Luciano. Any
2 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye, or
3 raise your hand.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous.

6 Item Number 2-

7 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman?

8 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Go ahead.

9 MR. CAREY: Item Number 2, I move that the
10 Commission approve the State Employees Retirement
11 Commission Chairman's per diem expenses as included in
12 our report.

13 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
15 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

17 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous. The ayes
18 have it.

19 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding agenda
20 Item Number 3, I move that the Commission approve the
21 State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee,
22 Claude Poulin's per diem and travel expenses
23 reimbursement with Claude abstaining on this vote.

24 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing

1 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

2 MR. POULIN: I abstain.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
5 your hand. The ayes have it.

6 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
7 Number 4 on the agenda, I move that the Commission
8 approve the SERS Commission Management Trustee, Tim
9 Ryor's per diem expenses with Tim abstaining on this
10 vote.

11 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
13 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

14 MR. RYOR: Abstain.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
17 your hand. The ayes have it.

18 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
19 Number 5 on the agenda, I move that the Commission
20 approve the invoices from Robinson & Cole for federal
21 tax matters rendered for the month of May 2022.

22 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
23 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise

1 your hand. The ayes have it.

2 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding agenda
3 Item Number 6, I move that the Commission approve the
4 invoices from Rose Kallor for services rendered for the
5 month of May 2022.

6 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

7 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
8 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
11 your hand. The ayes have it.

12 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
13 Number 7 on the agenda, I move that the Commission
14 approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement
15 System service retirements for the month of May 2022.

16 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

17 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
18 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
21 your hand. The ayes have it.

22 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
23 Number 8 on our agenda, I move that we approve the
24 Connecticut State Employees Retirement System voluntary
25 pending retirements for the month of May 2022.

1 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
3 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
6 your hand. The ayes have it.

7 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
8 Number 9 on our agenda, I move that we approve the
9 Connecticut State Employees Retirement System
10 disability retirements for the month of May 2022.

11 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
13 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
16 your hand. The ayes have it.

17 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
18 Number 10 on our agenda, I move that the Commission
19 approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement
20 System retroactive retirements for the month of May
21 2022.

22 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
24 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

1 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
2 your hand. The ayes have it.

3 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
4 Number 11 on our agenda, I move that the Commission
5 approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement
6 System preretirement death benefits for the month of
7 May 2022.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
10 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
13 your hand. The ayes have it.

14 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
15 Number 12 on our agenda, I move that the Commission
16 approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement
17 System municipal employees retirements for the month of
18 May 2022.

19 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
21 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
24 your hand. The ayes have it.

25 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item

1 Number 13 on our agenda, I move that the Commission
2 approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System
3 disability retirements that have been approved by the
4 Medical Examining Board.

5 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
7 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
10 your hand. The ayes have it.

11 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
12 Number 14 on our agenda, I move that the Commission
13 approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System
14 disability retirements as tabled and denied.

15 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
17 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
20 your hand. The ayes have it.

21 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, regarding Item
22 Number 15 on the agenda, I move that the Commission
23 accept the recommendations by the Medical Examining
24 Board for the denial of continued entitlement benefits.

25 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

1 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
2 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
5 your hand. The ayes have it.

6 MR. CAREY: And Mr. Chairman, I move that the
7 Commission approve the Probate Judges and Employees
8 Retirement Fund personnel expenses for the pay period
9 of April 8th of 2022 through May the 5th, 2022.

10 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
12 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
15 your hand. The ayes have it.

16 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, we're reached Item
17 Number 17 on our agenda, and as posted, that, I
18 believe, involves receipt of additional information
19 from Member Patrick Butler, and I believe that that's
20 why Attorney Zimmerman is here. So we can either
21 proceed with that or take the added Items 18 and 19 now
22 and then come back to this item, whatever is the
23 pleasure of the Commission.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Well, let's do 18 and 19
25 now. It would be quick. Go ahead.

1 MR. CAREY: Okay. Claude, if you would
2 please make the motions on 18 and 19, I'd appreciate
3 that.

4 MR. POULIN: Sure. Thank you, Mike. This is
5 Claude Poulin. I move to accept the GASB 67 Report for
6 the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System
7 Prepared as of June 30th, 2021.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
10 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
13 your hand. The ayes have it.

14 MR. POULIN: I move to accept the GASB 68
15 Report for the Connecticut Municipal Employees
16 Retirement System Prepared as of June 30th, 2021.

17 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
19 none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
22 your hand. The ayes have it.

23 All right, we'll move down to Item 17, and
24 the Chair recognizes Attorney Zimberlin. Please
25 proceed.

1 MR. ZIMBERLIN: Well, good morning. Russell
2 Zimberlin for Patrick Butler. Today, Butler is
3 requesting an invoice to restore his pension
4 contributions to the plan. He is also requesting that,
5 at this time, the limitations in which to file for
6 disability retirement be tolled.

7 In 2019, Butler requested that his
8 contributions be removed from the SERS system following
9 his severance from State service. This was based on
10 advice from his coworker. Also during the refund,
11 Butler was under the impression that he was only
12 removing a portion of his contributions based on
13 information from human resources. In Butler's case,
14 removing contributions did not make any financial
15 sense.

16 In 2020, Butler, through counsel, purchased
17 one month of unpaid FMLA time to bring his total time
18 to over 10 years, which made him eligible for non-
19 service-connected disability retirement. Butler
20 completed that purchase with the help from his mom, who
21 Butler was residing with at that time. The one
22 question that came up during the previous hearing was
23 how Butler had the ability to request a refund of
24 contributions and not have the ability to complete an
25 application for retirement.

1 Butler made both decisions based on advice
2 from his previous coworkers. One common theme with Mr.
3 Butler is his reliance on other people's advice,
4 whether helpful to himself or not. There is also
5 precedent for employees to restore contributions. I
6 was able to find two SERC decisions in the compendium
7 where refunding contributions were able to be restored
8 to the plan. That is the Lena Avery case and Natalie
9 Rapoport.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Could you slow down,
11 please? Name the cases, please.

12 MR. ZIMBERLIN: Lena Avery.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Spell it, please.

14 MR. ZIMBERLIN: L-E-N-A, A-V-E-R-Y.

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: And do you have a citation
16 for us?

17 MR. ZIMBERLIN: It's in the compendium. It
18 says January 7th, 1983, and it cites C.GS Section 5-
19 166(b).

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, perhaps after we're
21 through today, you can submit that in writing to us so
22 we can see it then. And what's the other case, please?

23 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman?

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Sorry, Attorney Zimmerman. I

1 just wanted to - this is Cindy Cieslak. I wanted to
2 advise the Chairman and the trustees that these
3 decisions and what they say from the compendium are in
4 your materials.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

6 MS. CIESLAK: I can get you a page number in
7 a moment.

8 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right.

9 Go ahead, Attorney Zimmerman. What's the
10 other one, please?

11 MR. ZIMMERLIN: The second one is Natalie
12 Rapoport, N-A-T-A-L-I-E, R-A-P-O-P-O-R-T. The Rapoport
13 case is a little bit more consistent with Butler's. It
14 says a member may restore contributions refunded from
15 the general assembly pension system when the refund was
16 contrary to the member's wishes. Here, Butler did get
17 the refund, but it was based on advice from one of his
18 coworkers. He did it with the help of his - with human
19 resources, who kind of got in through the process,
20 filled out the forms, but he was still allowed to buy
21 back that FMLA time, so I believe he's still in the
22 SERS system as well.

23 That's all I have. I do have more on the
24 request for tolling, but it seems like a refund of the
25 contributions issue would have to be decided first.

1 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Well, why don't you
2 proceed with your second argument then, please.

3 MR. ZIMBERLIN: Okay. In support of his
4 claim for tolling, Patrick submitted his personnel
5 file, which included performance results showing he was
6 a good worker, he was effective and professional.
7 Patrick was also promoted from a temporary position to
8 a permanent position in 2007. However, around the 2010
9 timeframe, Patrick began treatment for his mental
10 condition. Butler was initially treated at Bristol
11 Hospital, and then treatment was transferred to Wheeler
12 Clinic, where treatment for his mental condition
13 continued.

14 Butler had numerous suicide attempts and his
15 increased symptomology eventually resulted in his
16 termination in his job in 2017. Kelly Katara, who
17 currently treats Butler, noted that he has only been
18 partially responsive to treatment. Butler applied for
19 and was granted social security disability on his
20 initial application with an onset date of October 30th,
21 2016, which is prior to his agency termination date of
22 June 6th, 2017.

23 During the two years following his severance
24 from service, Butler did not have the mental ability to
25 apply for disability retirement and only completed the

1 application process with the help of his mom and this
2 office.

3 So if there's any questions, I'll try to
4 answer them.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right. Thank you.

6 Are there any questions? All right, hearing
7 none, Mr. Zimmerman - Attorney Zimmerman, thank you
8 very much for your presentation.

9 How does the Commission wish to proceed?
10 Well, do you want to take a vote now, or do you want to
11 refer it - I think we should refer it to look at the
12 citations and have a chance to analyze. That would be
13 my wish.

14 MR. LUCIANO: That makes sense.

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah. So we need a motion
16 to table to the next meeting.

17 MR. LUCIANO: I'll make that motion. Sal
18 Luciano. Motion to table until next month's meeting.

19 MR. CAREY: And this is Mike Carey. I'll
20 second that motion.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion?
22 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your
23 hand.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise

1 your hand. The eyes have it.

2 Attorney Zimberlin, thank you very much.

3 Okay, now we are on to the executive session.

4 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman and fellow
5 Commission members, we have reached the executive
6 session portion of our agenda. So I would make the
7 motion that we enter into executive session to discuss
8 Items 1 through 5, and that we would also invite into
9 that meeting John Herrington and Cindy Cieslak, and I
10 don't know-

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: John Garrett.

12 MR. CAREY: --and John Garrett.

13 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye, or
15 raise your hand.

16 MS. MENON: Wait. Don't forget me. And Yam
17 Menon.

18 MR. CAREY: And Yam. And Yam.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Oh. Yeah, I'm sorry.

20 MR. CAREY: Yam, you're invited.

21 MR. BARTH: And Bruce.

22 MR. CAREY: And Bruce. Bruce is - I'm sorry.
23 And Bruce is invited too.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah. All right.

25 MS. CIESLAK: And Colin Newman; right? This

1 is Cindy Cieslak. And you want to invite Colin?

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah.

3 MR. CAREY: Is Colin - oh, I didn't see
4 Colin's face there. Hi, Colin. I see your square at
5 the bottom. Colin's invited too.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right. All in favor,
7 say aye, or raise your hand.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible response)

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
10 your hand. The ayes have it.

11 Item Number 1, HB 5172.

12 (The Commission was in executive session from
13 9:32 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.)

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. The Chair
15 recognizes Marty Carlson.

16 MS. CARLSON: Yeah. I would just like to
17 announce that the smart, dedicated, compassionate,
18 wonderful Colin Newman is retiring on July 1 after over
19 28 years of service to the State of Connecticut, 24 of
20 which was in the Retirement Division, and he will be
21 back as a TWR.

22 MR. LUCIANO: Congratulations.

23 MS. CARLSON: And, by the way, his microphone
24 does not work, so whatever you say, he cannot respond,
25 but he will feel the love.

1 MR. LUCIANO: Congratulations.

2 MS. NOLEN: Congratulations, Colin.

3 MR. CAREY: You're the best, Colin.

4 MR. COFFEY: Congratulations, Colin.

5 MR. CAREY: Thank you for everything.

6 MR. CHISEM: Congratulations, Colin.

7 MS. NOLEN: Congratulations.

8 MR. POULIN: Congratulations, Colin.

9 MR. FLORES: Congratulations, Colin.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Congratulations, Colin.

11 MR. LUCIANO: We're going to miss you.

12 MR. CAREY: Very much.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, sure will.

14 MR. CAREY: So, Mr. Chairman, with deep
15 appreciation to Mr. Newman, I will say that we are done
16 with our agenda, and I move that we adjourn.

17 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye, or
19 raise your hand.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
22 your hand. The ayes have it.

23 MR. LUCIANO: Be safe. Have a good day,
24 everybody.

25 MR. CAREY: Take care, all.

(Adjourned at 10:02 a.m.)

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