

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
LEGAL AND PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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NOVEMBER 10, 2021 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 8:36 a.m.

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Present (via Zoom):

Chairman Peter Adomeit  
Trustee Michael Carey  
Trustee Robert Coffey  
Trustee Sal Luciano  
Trustee Michael O'Brien  
Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)  
Commission Tax Counsel Bruce Barth (Robinson & Cole LLP)  
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director  
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 8:36 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Well, I think everyone  
6 is here. So I can call the meeting to order.

7 MR. LUCIANO: You can.

8 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: This is the meeting of  
9 the Connecticut State Retirement Commission,  
10 Subcommittee Legal & Personnel.

11 Cindy, do you have the folks who are in  
12 attendance?

13 MS. CIESLAK: Sure. Good morning. This is  
14 Cindy Cieslak. Present today we have Chairman Peter  
15 Adomeit, Trustee Michael Carey, Trustee Robert Coffey,  
16 Trustee Sal Luciano, Trustee Michael O'Brien. We have  
17 counsel from Robinson & Cole, Bruce Barth. Present  
18 also are John Herrington, Retirement Services Division  
19 Director, and Robert Helfand from the Retirement  
20 Services Division. And I'm Cindy Cieslak, General  
21 Counsel from Rose Kayor.

22 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: All right. We are  
23 looking for a motion to add the material to the agenda,  
24 the judge pension issues relating to SERS. The issue  
25 called Steven Wienberg (phonetic). And the refund of

1 contributions to judges under SERS.

2 MR. LUCIANO: So moved.

3 MR. COFFEY: I'll second it.

4 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye,  
5 or raise your hand. Opposed nay, or raise your hand.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: (No audible  
7 responses)

8 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: The ayes have it.

9 Sal, we need to go into executive session.

10 MR. LUCIANO: Yes, we do. We need to go into  
11 executive session for Ron Johnson vs. SERC.

12 MR. COFFEY: Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye,  
14 or raise your hand.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay. The ayes  
17 have it.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Luciano, for the record,  
19 does your motion include an invitation to Bruce Barth,  
20 John Herrington, Robert Helfand, and myself, Cindy  
21 Cieslak, to be invited into executive session?

22 MR. LUCIANO: It does, because you have  
23 information to add.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Okay. Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Thank you.

1 (The Subcommittee was in executive session  
2 from 8:38 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: We need a motion on  
4 Trapanese.

5 MR. CAREY: This is Mike Carey. Firstly, on  
6 behalf of the Subcommittee, I'd like to express for the  
7 record our appreciation and respect for Mr. Trapanese's  
8 service to our country.

9 My motion is that we move to recommend that  
10 the Commission deny Mr. Trapanese's request for  
11 reconsideration based on there having been no new or  
12 additional information made available.

13 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: All right.

14 MR. LUCIANO: I'll second that.

15 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion?  
16 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: It's unanimous.

19 Number three is Cicarella. We need a motion,  
20 please.

21 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob. I'll move that we  
22 recommend to the full commission that it remand the  
23 Cicarella back to the MEB for further review.

24 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

1 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: It's unanimous.

4 Butler, we need a motion.

5 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob. I move that we  
6 recommend to the Commission that it hold a hearing with  
7 regard to Butler's issue concerning the tolling of the  
8 time limit.

9 MR. LUCIANO: Second, Sal Luciano.

10 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

11 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: It's unanimous.

14 Okay. We have no more issues.

15 MR. BARTH: Do we want to make  
16 recommendations on the judicial plan issues?

17 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: I thought we already  
18 decided that, but if you want an affirmative motion, go  
19 ahead.

20 MR. BARTH: Yeah, I would recommend that you  
21 recommend to the Commission that they take the position  
22 that someone no longer gets an election to participate  
23 in judicial or SERS, that if they transfer from a SERS  
24 position to a judicial position, that their  
25 contributions remain into the plan until it's

1 determined whether or not they vest in the judicial  
2 plan, in which case, the SERS plan contributions are  
3 transferred to judicial. If they don't vest, then the  
4 judicial contributions are either refunded or  
5 transferred to SERS.

6 And that would be my recommendation for the  
7 Commission.

8 MR. LUCIANO: So moved.

9 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Is there a second?

10 MR. CAREY: It's Mike, Mike Carey. Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion?  
12 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: It's unanimous. Go  
15 ahead.

16 MR. BARTH: And then last but not least, with  
17 respect to-

18 MR. COFFEY: Peter (inaudible).

19 MR. BARTH: --and with respect to Judge  
20 Devlin, we recommend that, because he's receiving a  
21 judicial plan, pension plan, he not be allowed to  
22 participate in any other State plan during his period  
23 of rehire.

24 MR. LUCIANO: So moved.

25 MR. COFFEY: Second.

1 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

2 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: It's unanimous.

5 MR. LUCIANO: A motion to adjourn is in  
6 order, so I move to adjourn.

7 MR. COFFEY: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: It's unanimous.

11 MR. LUCIANO: Bye, guys. Stay safe.

12 MR. CAREY: Thank you.

13 (Adjourned at 9:28 a.m.)

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