

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

MARCH 17, 2022 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:03 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman
Michael Bailey, Trustee
Karen Buffkin, Trustee
Michael Carey, Trustee
Martha Carlson, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
Robert D. Coffey, Trustee
John Disette, Trustee
John Flores, General Counsel Office of the Treasurer, Ex Officio
Member
Sal Luciano, Trustee
Karen Nolen, Trustee
Michael O'Brien, Trustee
Claude Poulin, Trustee
Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee
Timothy Ryor, Trustee

Absent:

Sandra Fae Brown Brewton, Trustee
Carl Chisem, Trustee
Angel Quiros, Trustee
Mark Sciota, Municipal Liaison

Also Present:

Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson & Cole
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
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
Alisha Sullivan, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson & Cole

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:03 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Okay. I'm going to
6 call the meeting to order. This is the monthly meeting
7 of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement
8 Commission being held remotely by Zoom technology on
9 the 17th of March 2022.

10 Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

11 MS. CIESLAK: Sure. Good morning. This is
12 Cindy Cieslak. Present today we have Chairman Peter
13 Adomeit; Alisha Sullivan, Tax Counsel from Robinson &
14 Cole; Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel from Robinson & Cole;
15 myself, Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel from Rose
16 Kallor; Colin Newman, Assistant Director from the
17 Retirement Services Division; John Disette, Trustee;
18 John Flores, General Counsel to the Office of the
19 Treasurer, Ex Officio Member; John Herrington, Division
20 Director of the Retirement Services Division; Karen
21 Nolen, Trustee; Martha Carlson, Deputy Comptroller and
22 Ex Officio Member of the Commission; Michael Carey,
23 Trustee; Michael O'Brien, Trustee; Michael Bailey,
24 Trustee; Ya Menon, General Counsel and Assistant
25 Comptroller; Robert Coffey, Trustee; Sal Luciano,

1 Trustee; Tim Ryor, Actuarial Trustee; Rebecca Simonsen,
2 Trustee is joining us right now; and we have a few
3 individuals on the phone.

4 The individual at 2309, can you identify
5 yourself?

6 MS. BUFFKIN: Certainly. Karen Buffkin,
7 Trustee.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning, Karen. And
9 individual at 9516, can you identify yourself?

10 MR. POULIN: This is Claude.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning, Claude.

12 MR. POULIN: I had a problem with my Zoom.
13 Good morning.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Claude.

15 MS. CIESLAK: And then one more person in the
16 waiting room. Let me see if I can get them on. All
17 right, it looks like we might have two guests today,
18 Yvonne Ofono (phonetic), and then there was an
19 individual who just joined with a dot as their name.
20 If either of you are trustees, please let me know so I
21 can mark you down for attendance. Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Okay. Thank you,
23 Cindy. We need a motion to amend the agenda. Claude
24 Poulin, will you make the motion, please?

25 MR. POULIN: Mr. Chairman, did you just ask

1 to - the motion?

2 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Yeah, would you make
3 the motion to amend the agenda?

4 MR. POULIN: Yeah. This is Claude. I move
5 to amend the agenda to add after Item 14 the following
6 Item 15, request the Commission's acceptance of the
7 revised SERS GASB 67 2021 Report, and the following
8 Item 16, request the Commission's acceptance of the
9 revised State Employees Retirement System GASB 68 2021
10 Report.

11 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: All right. Is there a
12 second?

13 MR. COFFEY: Bob Coffey, second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Thank you. All in
15 favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
18 your hand. The ayes have it.

19 MS. CARLSON: Mr. Chairman, can I make a
20 quick point of order on the agenda?

21 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Sure.

22 MS. CARLSON: Martha Carlson here. I don't
23 know why I haven't noticed this before, but the very
24 top of the agenda states, please be advised that as the
25 building is closed to the public due to the spread of

1 COVID-19, the meeting will be held electronically via
2 Zoom. That is no longer correct. State buildings are
3 open to the public. The Retirement Commission, I
4 believe, made a decision to continue to hold the
5 meetings via Zoom.

6 And I don't know what that date was, but John
7 Herrington, maybe you can help me. It was probably
8 last month that the Governor put out something - or
9 Mike Carey - that the State buildings are open to the
10 public. Our building was opened.

11 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Thank you for that
12 correction.

13 Okay. The Chairman's report, once again,
14 thank you to the Division and John Herrington and Marty
15 Carlson and all the other people who have made this
16 system work under great stress and difficulties. Maybe
17 when we get to Marty Carlson, we'd like to discuss the
18 issue of the Governor's attempt to reduce the number of
19 people retiring by making adjustments to pay. I know
20 nothing more than what I've read in the paper, but if
21 Marty has knowledge of that, why don't you indicate
22 that now, Marty.

23 MS. CARLSON: I mean, anecdotally, I mean,
24 you know, we continually get asked by the
25 administration, and in particular, DAS is concerned

1 about what we think the number is going to be. You
2 know, quite honestly, we can only tell you what the
3 eligibility number is. We have no idea how many are
4 going to retire. Personally, based on what - you know,
5 I think Mike Carey may be better able to address this
6 on whether the incentives are enough to keep people.
7 Personally, I don't think so. I don't - I think if
8 there were another approach of smoothing out, you know,
9 like they did the ERIPs with Governor Rell that, you
10 know, folks who needed to stay could stay for a couple
11 of years to get through the critical process.

12 That might have resonated, but John, do you
13 feel the same way? I'm just not seeing a big enough -
14 or I'm unaware of a big enough, quote unquote,
15 incentive, I think, as the Governor is speaking, that
16 would alter folks who really want to go.

17 But, Mike, you may have a better idea about
18 this.

19 MR. CAREY: So - and, Marty, this is Mike
20 Carey. And I guess I would say that there are some
21 matters that are pending-

22 MS. CARLSON: Okay.

23 MR. CAREY: --in terms of collective
24 bargaining, which I would suggest is not appropriate
25 for discussions here because those negotiations are not

1 final.

2 MS. CARLSON: Mm-hmm.

3 MR. CAREY: And adding to that, there's
4 really no way to predict whether the outcome of those
5 negotiations will have any effect on the numbers of
6 people retiring. But I think that based upon the
7 ground rules that the State has set with the collective
8 bargaining agents on - for negotiations, that this
9 would not be a subject to take up here.

10 MS. CARLSON: Okay, thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Thank you, Michael.
12 Thank you, Marty.

13 Okay. Division Director's report.

14 MR. HERRINGTON: Yes, so we have been focused
15 for a number of months on preparing for 2022. We know
16 that there was going to be an uptick in work, and this
17 is the first month where we're really seeing, you know,
18 very, very large numbers that we need to work through.
19 We track these intents to retire. So individuals
20 notify their agency of their intent to retire on a
21 specific date. We ask that they provide us that
22 information as early in the process as possible so that
23 we can get a head start on the work.

24 We have right now 1,048 intents to retire for
25 April of this year. That is, you know, four or five,

1 six times what we would see in a typical month. Right
2 now, with all the intents to retire for 2022, we're
3 already over 3,200 intents to retire, so that's more
4 than would retire in a typical month. If we're looking
5 from, you know, the individuals that retired July 1st of
6 last year carrying through to July 1st of this year, if
7 we don't receive a single additional intent to retire,
8 that would put us at just about 4,600 retirements for
9 that 12-month period, so a very large number, and we
10 expect that it would grow.

11 Mike Carey, feel free to stop me if I go too
12 far talking about the negotiations. What I have seen
13 is that the idea that there are negotiations, there are
14 articles in the newspaper, that that has perhaps given
15 pause to some individuals. I haven't seen anything
16 where I've seen someone indicate that they aren't going
17 to retire, but there are individuals that were planning
18 to retire in April that have indicated that maybe
19 they're going to wait and see what happens before they
20 go in July.

21 So that's the extent that I've seen an impact
22 from those negotiations. But we continue to work kind
23 of feverishly to get all of this work done. We're
24 holding more webinars to help to educate the
25 population, and we're working with the DAS pod to

1 assist the DAS pod in increasing their capacity to deal
2 with individuals one-on-one. So those are the kind of
3 our major goals. I mean, as I said, we've been
4 preparing for it, but we certainly are feeling it right
5 now.

6 We don't have a great number of intents for
7 June and July, and we anticipate that those are
8 actually going to be the heaviest months. So we do
9 believe that there's a lot more that will be coming our
10 way.

11 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Okay, thank you, John.

12 MR. HERRINGTON: And then I do believe that
13 Yam has a statement for the Commission.

14 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Oh.

15 MS. MENON: Hi, folks. Yam Menon, General
16 Counsel. Just wanted to update folks because the
17 notifications from the Office of State Ethics are
18 starting to go out. So this is a time of year to start
19 filing your statement of financial interests. This is
20 required for everyone. It is due Monday, May 2nd. You
21 will get several email notifications about it. I
22 wanted to do a verbal notification as well.

23 The filing, although you do it in 2022, it's
24 for the preceding calendar year. So it's a 2021 filing,
25 although you're doing it in 2022. So that confused folks

1 sometimes, so I just wanted to make a note of that.

2 Importantly new for this year, based on the
3 passage of Public Act 21-164, paper filings will no
4 longer be accepted. So you must complete it
5 electronically. If you have any questions, feel free to
6 reach out, but most of you end up doing it online, and
7 most of you have your information already in there. So
8 it's probably just updating for a lot of you and
9 hopefully straightforward and quick.

10 So we're about six weeks out from that
11 deadline, so I just wanted to make a note. And as we get
12 closer to that timeline, you will - if you have not filed
13 close to that deadline, you're going to start getting a
14 lot of notifications about it. Because if we do not file
15 on time, the Office of State Ethics can pursue a legal
16 process where penalties could be involved monetary-wise.

17 So that's it. I just wanted to remind folks
18 about that. Again, Monday, May 2nd is the deadline for
19 your statement of financial interests. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Thank you, Yam.

21 MS. CARLSON: Mr. Chairman, can I just add a
22 couple of things after John for my own report?

23 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Do you want to talk
24 now?

25 MS. CARLSON: Just a couple of things. One

1 is that despite the fact that, you know, John and - I
2 agree with John that we just don't know what's going to
3 happen in July. I feel pretty confident that we at least
4 know what's going to happen in the Comptroller's Office.
5 There may be a couple of stragglers, but we are
6 currently, I believe, at 50 retirees of 250 employees.
7 Forty-six of them have agreed to come back as TWR's.

8 I think I've said to you before that
9 virtually every person in the agency from every division
10 touches a retirement. And if they don't touch a
11 retirement, we are asking divisions to send folks to help
12 us in any way they can to get through the surge. I want
13 to, you know, soft of personally thank the DAS
14 Commissioner and the OPM folks because they have rapid-
15 fire approved all of our TWR's so we are all set with TWR
16 approvals and what they're going to be paid. And then
17 secondly, they are also quickly approving refills for
18 those TWR's, which, you know, those of us who run
19 agencies know that sometimes when people quit or retire,
20 you can't get a refill for a while, and even that refill,
21 you know, comes in, you know, very new and unschooled in
22 what the job is.

23 But because the TWR's are going to be here at
24 the agency, we are going to be able to in-tandem train
25 the refills while the TWR's are in the agency. So, you

1 know, we are - hopefully, John, you will agree with me -
2 that we are, between the technology and the support of
3 DAS approvals and OPM approvals, we are probably in the
4 best place we could possibly be to handle June and July.

5 John, I think, stated, you know, April is
6 over 1,000 and we are confident that we will get through
7 those and get everyone their pension benefit by the end
8 of April. We're still a little shaky on by the end of
9 July, but we're in the best possible position given the
10 support of many folks on this call. Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Thank you, Marty.

12 Okay. And moving on to new matters, motion,
13 please?

14 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
15 Bailey. I move approval of the February 17th, 2022
16 meeting minutes.

17 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

18 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

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

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

23 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
24 Bailey. I move approval of the State Employees
25 Retirement Commission Chairman's per diem expense.

1 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

2 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

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

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

7 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
8 Bailey. I move approval of the State Employees
9 Retirement Commission's Union Trustee Claude Poulin's per
10 diem and travel expenses reimbursement, with Claude
11 abstaining.

12 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

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

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

16 MR. POULIN: I abstain.

17 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
18 your hand. The ayes have it.

19 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
20 Bailey. I move approval of the State Employees
21 Retirement Commission Management Trustee Tim Ryor's per
22 diem expenses.

23 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

24 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

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

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
3 your hand. The ayes have it.

4 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
5 Bailey. I move acceptance of invoices from Robinson &
6 Cole and invoices from Rose Kallor rendered for the month
7 of February 2022.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

14 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
15 Bailey. I move approval of the Connecticut State
16 Employees Retirement System service retirements for the
17 month of February 2022.

18 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
23 your hand. The ayes have it.

24 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
25 Bailey. I move approval of the Connecticut State

1 Employees System voluntary pending retirements for the
2 month of February 2022.

3 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

4 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

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

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
8 your hand. The ayes have it.

9 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
10 Bailey. I move approval of the Connecticut State
11 Employees System disability retirements for the month of
12 February 2022.

13 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

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

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
18 your hand. The ayes have it.

19 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
20 Bailey. I move approval of the Connecticut State
21 Employees Retirement System municipal employees
22 retirements for the month of February 2022.

23 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

24 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

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

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
3 your hand. The ayes have it.

4 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
5 Bailey. I move approval of the Connecticut State
6 Employees Retirement System municipal employees
7 disability retirements for the month of February 2022.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

14 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey. I
15 move approval of the Connecticut State Employees
16 Retirement System retroactive retirements for the month
17 of February 2022.

18 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
23 your hand. The ayes have it.

24 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey. I
25 move approval of the Connecticut Probate Judges and

1 Employees Retirement System.

2 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

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

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
7 your hand. The ayes have it.

8 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
9 Bailey. I move approval of the Probate Judges and
10 Employees Retirement fund personnel expenses for the pay
11 period of January 14th, 2022 through February 10th, 2022.

12 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

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

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

18 MS. CARLSON: Mr. Chairman, can I ask a quick
19 question? I am not seeing in my packet the retroactive
20 retirement document. It is not - it's - I'm looking at
21 my packet online. I just want to make sure other people
22 have seen it. I go directly from municipal retirements
23 to probate - actually municipal disability retirements to
24 probate. And I don't have Item 12 in my packet. I'm
25 not-

1 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this Mike Carey.
2 Marty, when I look at - I think some of the items in the
3 packet itself may have been out of sequence from what's
4 listed on the agenda itself, but in the pdf that I have
5 in front of me, Page - let's see what page this is-

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Forty.

7 MR. BAILEY: --I think it's 42. Forty-two or
8 so of the packet is the Connecticut Employee Retirement
9 System retroactive payments for the month of February.
10 So there is a document.

11 MS. CARLSON: Got it. I see it. I'm sorry.

12 MR. BAILEY: All right?

13 MS. CARLSON: It was out of order. I
14 apologize.

15 MR. BAILEY: No worries.

16 MS. CARLSON: Sorry. Continue on. Thank
17 you.

18 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: No problem. No
19 problem.

20 Okay. We have additional items on the agenda
21 that have been added.

22 MR. BAILEY: Yes. Mr. Chairman, Michael
23 Bailey. I move acceptance of the revised State Employees
24 Retirement GASB 67 2021 Report.

25 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

1 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?
2 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.
3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.
4 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
5 your hand. The ayes have it.
6 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
7 Bailey. I move acceptance of the State Employees
8 Retirement System GASB 68 2021 Report.
9 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.
10 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?
11 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.
12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.
13 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
14 your hand. The ayes have it.
15 We need a motion to go into executive
16 session.
17 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael
18 Bailey. I move that we move to executive session for
19 discussion and possible recommendations of the items in
20 the agenda for executive session.
21 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.
22 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Any discussion?
23 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye, or raise your hand.
24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.
25 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise

1 your hand. The eyes have it.

2 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, does the motion
3 include an invitation into executive session for Alisha
4 Sullivan, Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Colin Newman, John
5 Herrington, and Ya Menon?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, it does, Mr.
7 Chairman.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you.

9 (The Commission was in executive session from
10 9:24 a.m. until 9:36 a.m.)

11 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: We will need a motion
12 on Latham.

13 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
14 I move that the Commission accept Mr. Latham's petition
15 for a declaratory ruling and to also direct Rose Kallor
16 to begin preparing the declaratory ruling.

17 MR. LUCIANO: This is Sal Luciano. I thought
18 we were going to do a subcommittee to look at this again.

19 MR. CAREY: Correct. I believe that's part
20 of what the course of action will be. But in the
21 meantime, to have Rose Kallor begin that process so that
22 they have enough time to begin. And I think in fact
23 there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow. But that's
24 part of the - as I understood it, part of the process for
25 beginning the preparation of that declaratory ruling.

1 MR. LUCIANO: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Okay. Any further
3 discussion? Was there a second?

4 MR. CAREY: I don't believe so.

5 MR. BAILEY: This is Bailey.

6 MR. COFFEY: Bob Coffey. I'll second.

7 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Thank you. Any further
8 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, say aye, or
9 raise your hand.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise
12 your hand. The ayes have it.

13 Okay, we need a motion on Vogt.

14 MR. COFFEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Bob
15 Coffey. It's quite a lengthy motion, so I'm going to
16 take the liberty of plagiarizing the recommendation of
17 the subcommittee, which I think is appropriate in this
18 case. I move that the Commission remand Mr. Vogt's
19 matter to the MEB for further review on reconsideration
20 in order to consider the additional evidence that was
21 submitted on December 6th and December 11th and determine
22 whether, in light of all the evidence and the full
23 record, a service-connected disability is warranted or,
24 if the additional information has already been
25 considered, amend the decision to reflect the information

1 reviewed and provide a rationale explaining why the
2 additional information does not entitle the member to a
3 service-connected disability.

4 Further, we direct the Division to add an
5 additional sentence to the MEB determination letters on
6 reconsideration which explains that although a member's
7 appeal rights have been exhausted with the MEB, the
8 member may have rights to appeal to the Commission on
9 procedural matters.

10 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, strong second.

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

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

16 We are at adjournment.

17 MR. LUCIANO: If we have no more agenda items
18 - this is Sal Luciano - I make a motion to adjourn.

19 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: We have none. Oh,
20 yeah, the agenda item is adjournment.

21 MR. BAILEY: Michael Bailey, second.

22 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: All right. All in
23 favor, say aye, or raise your hand.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise

1 your hand. The ayes have it.

2 Thank you all very much.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bye, you all.

4 MR. CAREY: Take care, everybody.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Happy St. Patty's Day.

7 (Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.)

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