

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

AUGUST 10, 2022 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:35 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
Trustee Robert Coffey
Trustee Sal Luciano
Trustee Karen Nolen
Commission Counsel Michael Rose (Rose Kallor, LLP)
Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)
Commission Tax Counsel Bruce Barth (Robinson & Cole LLP)
Commission Tax Counsel Elizabeth Doyon (Robinson & Cole LLP)
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director
Yamuna Menon, General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller,
Office of the State Comptroller

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 8:35 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right. This is the
6 State Employees Retirement Commission Legal and
7 Personnel Subcommittee meeting being held August 10th,
8 2022 by teleconference.

9 Do you have the attendance, Cindy?

10 MS. CIESLAK: Yes. Good morning. This is
11 Cindy Cieslak. Peter Adomeit was just speaking, and he
12 called the meeting to order. Present today, we have
13 Chairman Peter Adomeit; Trustee Michael Carey; Trustee
14 Robert Coffey; Trustee Sal Luciano; Trustee Karen
15 Nolen; Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel from Robinson & Cole;
16 Elizabeth Doyon, Tax Counsel from Robinson & Cole; John
17 Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director; Yam
18 Menon, General Counsel and Assistant Comptroller;
19 Michael Rose, General Counsel from Rose Kallor; Cindy
20 Cieslak, General Counsel from Rose Kallor. I believe
21 that's everyone.

22 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Thank you. Item 2,
23 approval of the agenda. Do we have a motion to
24 approve, please?

25 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

1 MR. COFFEY: Bob Coffey, second.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Peter Adomeit. All
3 in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

4 SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: (No audible responses)

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

7 Okay, new business. We need to go into
8 executive session. Is there a motion?

9 MR. COFFEY: Bob Coffey. I move that we go
10 into executive session on Items 1 through 6 in the
11 executive session portion of the agenda.

12 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

15 SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: (No audible responses)

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

18 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Coffey-

19 MR. COFFEY: I'm sorry, Cindy. I would like
20 my motion to include an invitation to those who can
21 help with our discussions.

22 MS. CIESLAK: And this is Cindy Cieslak.
23 Those individuals include Yam Menon, John Herrington,
24 Michael Rose, Bruce Barth, Elizabeth Doyon, and myself,
25 Cindy Cieslak.

1 MR. BARTH: And Karen Nolen?

2 MS. CIESLAK: Yes, it includes Karen. I
3 wasn't - I didn't think she needed an invitation since
4 she's a trustee.

5 MR. BARTH: Okay.

6 MS. CIESLAK: But for the record, it includes
7 Karen.

8 (The Subcommittee was in executive session
9 from 8:36 a.m. to 10:01 a.m.)

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, we will ask for a
11 motion on the Jacqueline Lawrence appeal.

12 MR. LUCIANO: I'd like to make a motion that
13 we recommend to the full board to deny her appeal.

14 MR. COFFEY: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: That's Bob Coffey.

16 MR. COFFEY: Yes.

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

19 SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: (No audible responses)

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

22 Okay. And then Number 5, Cicarella.

23 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob Coffey. I'll make a
24 recommendation-

25 MR. LUCIANO: I'd like to make the motion

1 that we send Cicarella (inaudible) declaratory ruling
2 denying her (inaudible).

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, that's the motion.
4 Did you get it, Cindy?

5 MS. CIESLAK: For the record, what I've got
6 was Mr. Luciano is making a motion to the Retirement
7 Commission to issue a declaratory ruling denying Ms.
8 Cicarella's request.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

10 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob. I'll second that.

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

14 SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: (No audible responses)

15 MR. LUCIANO: (Inaudible)

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

18 Okay.

19 MR. LUCIANO: I think-

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: I think we're at the end.
21 We need a motion to adjourn.

22 MR. LUCIANO: I thought I just made one. Can
23 you hear me?

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Oh, yeah. I heard it,
25 yeah. Sal Luciano.

1 MR. COFFEY: Bob, second.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say
3 aye or raise your hand.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye.

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

7 Very good.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Nice-

10 (Adjourned at 10:03 a.m.)

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