

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

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 8:46 a.m.

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Present:

Chairman Peter Adomeit  
Trustee Michael Carey  
Trustee Robert Coffey  
Trustee Michael O'Brien  
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  
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Assistant Director

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 8:46 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right. This is the  
6 State Employees Retirement Commission Legal & Personnel  
7 Subcommittee meeting being held remotely on September  
8 the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Do you have the persons in attendance,  
9 Cindy?

10 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning. This is Cindy  
11 Cieslak. Present today, we have Chairman Peter  
12 Adomeit, Trustee Michael O'Brien, Trustee Michael  
13 Carey, Trustee Robert Coffey. From the Retirement  
14 Services Division, we have Director John Herrington,  
15 Assistant Director Robert Helfand, and General Counsel  
16 and Assistant Comptroller Yam Menon. From General  
17 Counsel Rose Kallor, we have Michael Rose and Cindy  
18 Cieslak, and from Tax Counsel Robinson & Cole, Bruce  
19 Barth and Elizabeth Doyon.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, thank you. Number  
21 Item 2, approval of the agenda, we need a motion to  
22 approve, please.

23 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob Coffey. I move to  
24 approve the agenda.

25 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien, second.

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

3           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

4           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your  
5 hand.

6           (No audible response)

7           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: The ayes have it.

8           New business, Item Number 3, we have to go  
9 into executive session. We need a motion to that  
10 effect, please.

11           MR. COFFEY: This is Bob Coffey. I move that  
12 we go into executive session on Items 1 through 4 of  
13 the executive session agenda and invite those  
14 individuals who will be helpful to our discussion.

15           MR. O'BRIEN: Well done. Michael O'Brien,  
16 second.

17           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right. Do you want to  
18 read them off, Cindy?

19           MS. CIESLAK: Yes. The individuals I believe  
20 Mr. Coffey is referring to are John Herrington, Robert  
21 Helfand, Yam Menon, Michael Rose, Elizabeth Doyon,  
22 Bruce Barth, and Cindy Cieslak.

23           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right. Thank you. We  
24 are now in executive session then.

25           MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Adomeit-

1 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yep.

2 MS. CIESLAK: --I believe we should call the  
3 motion that's been made and seconded.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes.  
5 Thank you.

6 All in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your  
9 hand.

10 (No audible response)

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: The ayes have it.

12 (The Subcommittee was in executive session  
13 from 8:47 a.m. until 9:26 a.m.)

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, Peter Adomeit here.  
15 We'll need a motion on the Cathy Wilson matter.

16 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob Coffey. I move that  
17 we recommend to the Commission that we approve the  
18 request of Cathy Wilson and that this decision be based  
19 on the fact that these are extraordinary circumstances  
20 and that it's a situation where a request was made for  
21 some information on the matter that was not addressed  
22 properly. Our recommendation is unique to this  
23 situation and this situation alone. Any other matter  
24 must be looked at in terms of the individual facts of  
25 that case. This is not to serve as a precedent for

1 future matters.

2 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien, second.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: I'm waiting for Cindy to  
4 finish writing.

5 MR. COFFEY: Cindy or John, if you think  
6 there's any tweaking of that that needs to be made,  
7 it's welcome here.

8 MR. CAREY: Bob, this is Mike. One thing  
9 that I might add as a suggested amendment is to note  
10 clearly that while it is not our practice to permit  
11 individuals to change their type of retirement, we have  
12 looked at these circumstances. So just to be clear  
13 that it is not our practice to do such, but under these  
14 individual circumstances, we have agreed to do so.

15 MR. COFFEY: I accept that.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: I'm going to - do you want  
17 to read it back to us, Cindy?

18 MS. CIESLAK: I have that Mr. Coffey moved to  
19 recommend to the Commission to approve the request of  
20 Cathy Wilson, however this decision is based on the  
21 fact that these are extraordinary circumstances where  
22 the information was requested and not addressed  
23 properly, and that these facts are unique to the  
24 situation and the decision does not serve as precedent;  
25 other similar requests should be looked at on their

1 facts; and Michael Carey suggests in addition to  
2 include that it is not the Commission's ordinary  
3 practice to permit individuals to change their type of  
4 retirement.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Does that cover the  
6 waterfront?

7 MR. COFFEY: I believe so.

8 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor of the  
9 motion, raise your hand or say aye.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or say nay.

12 (No audible response)

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: The ayes have it.

14 Okay, we need a second motion, Cynthia.

15 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob. I move that we  
16 recommend to the Commission that it issue a declaratory  
17 ruling in the Dabbs-Lindenberger matter.

18 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien, second.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any further discussion?  
20 You got it, Cindy; it's shorter.

21 All in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your  
24 hand.

25 (No audible response)

1                   CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   The ayes have it.

2                   Okay.   I think that completes the agenda.  
3                   There's no old business.   So it's time, I think, for a  
4                   motion to adjourn.

5                   MR. COFFEY:   This is Bob Coffey.   I move that  
6                   we adjourn.

7                   MR. O'BRIEN:   Michael O'Brien, second.

8                   CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   All in favor, say aye or  
9                   raise your hand.

10                  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS:   Aye.

11                  CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   Opposed, nay or raise your  
12                  hand.

13                  (No audible response)

14                  CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   The ayes have it.

15                  Okay, are we good, Cindy?

16                  (Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.)

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Date