

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

JUNE 7, 2023 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:35 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
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)
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Assistant Director
Yamuna Menon, General Counsel and Assistant Comptroller
Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

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

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

9 Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

10 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning. This is Cindy
11 Cieslak. Present this morning, we have Chairman Peter
12 Adomeit, Trustee Michael Carey, Trustee Michael
13 O'Brien; from the Retirement Services Division, Robert
14 Helfand; and Office of the State Comptroller, Assistant
15 Comptroller and General Counsel Yam Menon; and from
16 Robinson & Cole, Tax Counsel Bruce Barth; and from Rose
17 Kallor, General Counsel Michael Rose and Cindy Cieslak.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, thank you. We have
19 a motion, please, to approve the agenda?

20 Mike, you're muted.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mike Carey.

22 MR. O'BRIEN: I was unmuted. I muted myself.

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: There's two Mikes - well,
24 one's Michael; one's Mike.

25 MR. O'BRIEN: Motion to approve the agenda.

1 Michael O'Brien.

2 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

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

5 MR. CAREY: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, it's unanimous.
7 Okay, we need to go into executive session, please. We
8 need a motion.

9 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien. Motion we go
10 into executive session.

11 MR. CAREY: Carey, second, to include Cindy,
12 Bruce, Bert, Mike Rose, and Yam.

13 MR. HELFAND: This is Bert Helfand. I know
14 that Colin is trying to join the meeting now. So you
15 want to include - you might want to include him.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

17 MR. CAREY: So noted.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say
19 aye or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have
20 it.

21 (The subcommittee was in executive session
22 from 8:36 a.m. until 9:25 a.m.)

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Well, we need a motion on
24 Number 2, Tyrone Shaver.

25 MR. CAREY: I'll get it. So, Mr. Chairman,

1 this is Mike Carey. On the Shaver matter, I move that
2 the subcommittee recommend to the full commission that
3 they grant approval of the request to submit the
4 application for posthumous retirement to the MEB.

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

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

8 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
10 have it.

11 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
12 On the Downing matter, I move that this subcommittee
13 recommend to the full commission to grant the appeal
14 for remand to the MEB.

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

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

18 MR. CAREY: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous.

20 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
21 On the D'Alessandro matter, I move that the
22 subcommittee recommend to the full commission to deny
23 the appeal for Mrs. D'Alessandro to receive survivor
24 benefits.

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

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

3 MR. CAREY: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
5 have it.

6 All right. We are getting close to
7 adjournment.

8 MR. CAREY: I think we're there. So this is
9 Mike Carey. I move that we adjourn.

10 MR. O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien. I second.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or
12 raise your hand.

13 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

14 MR. CAREY: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous. Thank you
16 all very much.

17 MR. CAREY: Thanks, everybody.

18 (Adjourned at 9:27 a.m.)
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