



Meeting of the Legal & Personnel Subcommittee of the
State Employees Retirement Commission

DATE: June 7, 2023

PRESENT:

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

At 8:36 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Linda Savitsky appeal – written legal opinion.
2. Tyrone Shaver request – written legal opinion.
3. Brison Downing appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Danuta D'Alessandro appeal – written legal opinion.
5. Linda Cicarella v. SERC - pending litigation.
6. SERC v. Town of Ellington - pending litigation.

At 8:36 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-6. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Yamuna Menon, Colin Newman, and Michael Rose were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for all items. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Subcommittee voted unanimously

in favor to enter executive session to discuss Items 1-6. Mr. Newman entered the meeting at 8:39 a.m., and Mr. Herrington entered the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

At 9:25 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:26 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee recommend to the Commission that it grant approval of the request to submit Mr. Shaver's posthumous disability retirement application to the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

At 9:26 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee recommend to the Commission that it grant the appeal of Mr. Downing for remand to the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

At 9:27 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee recommend to the Commission that deny the appeal of Mrs. D'Alessandro to receive survivor benefits. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:27 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey