

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

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AUGUST 9, 2023 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 8:36 a.m.

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Present (via Zoom):

Chairman Peter Adomeit  
Trustee Michael Carey  
Trustee Sal Luciano  
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  
Charlotte Moller, Retirement Services Division  
Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division  
Yamuna Menon, General Counsel and Assistant Comptroller

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 8:36 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Can we call the  
6 meeting to order? This is the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
7 State Employees Retirement Commission Legal & Personnel  
8 Subcommittee.

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 Sal Luciano.  
13 From the Retirement Services Division, we have John  
14 Herrington, Division Director; Robert Helfand,  
15 Assistant Director; and Charlotte Moller. And we also  
16 have Yam Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General  
17 Counsel. From Rose Kallor, General Counsel, we have  
18 Michael Rose and Cindy Cieslak. And from Robinson &  
19 Cole, Tax Counsel, we have Bruce Barth.

20 I believe that is everyone. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Cindy, do we have  
22 anything to add to the agenda?

23 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy. Not that I'm  
24 aware of.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, good. We need a

1 motion to approve the agenda, please.

2 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

3 MR. CAREY: Mike Carey, second.

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

6 MR. CAREY: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. It's unanimous; the  
8 ayes have it.

9 Okay, new business, executive session. We  
10 need a motion to go into executive session, please.

11 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

12 MR. CAREY: Mike Carey, second.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or  
14 raise your hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

15 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. I'd  
16 like to confirm with the trustees that the motion to  
17 enter executive session includes an invitation to  
18 Robert Helfand, Charlotte Moller, John Herrington,  
19 Bruce Barth, Yam Menon, Michael Rose, and Cindy Cieslak  
20 to enter.

21 MR. LUCIANO: Yes, because they have  
22 information that will help with this agenda.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, thank you.

25 (The Subcommittee was in executive session

1 from 8:37 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: We are now back into  
3 regular session. We need a motion on Savitsky, please.

4 MR. LUCIANO: I'd like to make a motion that  
5 we table Savitsky while pending more information.

6 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

7 MR. LUCIANO: So table until next month.

8 MR. CAREY: And Carey, second.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
10 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
11 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
12 ayes have it.

13 Weber, we need a motion, please.

14 MR. LUCIANO: On Weber, I'd like to make a  
15 motion that we send them a letter saying that we have  
16 no authority to give him his money back for military  
17 service, and to try - and to recommend that he seek the  
18 change through legislation.

19 MR. CAREY: Just I know we need to have some  
20 discussion, so I'll second it and then some discussion.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion?

22 MR. CAREY: Yes. This is Mike. My question  
23 would be whether or not the division actually has the  
24 ability to kind of make that recommendation to the  
25 member in writing. I agree with what Sal is saying; I

1 don't disagree with that at all. But in terms of, you  
2 know, formal communication from the commission to the  
3 member, I think it's appropriate to tell him, yes, we  
4 do not have that authority, but then, you know, what is  
5 that next step? Do we have the ability - you know,  
6 what is - our thoughts about what he could do, is that  
7 an official recommendation of the division or not?

8 I'm interested in thoughts on that.

9 MR. LUCIANO: This is a recommendation for  
10 the full committee; correct? For the Retirement  
11 Division next week; right? Because we - as a  
12 subcommittee, we don't have the authority to do this.

13 MR. CAREY: Correct, but if we're - but our  
14 recommendation is for, ultimately if it were  
15 implemented, the division would have to do something.  
16 So the division would be sending the member a letter-

17 MR. LUCIANO: And maybe not telling him what  
18 to do, but to say that legislation would be required in  
19 order for us to pay him back. Is that-

20 MR. CAREY: That's perfect. Perfect.

21 MR. O'BRIEN: That makes more sense, yeah.

22 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

23 MR. CAREY: So I would second that motion as  
24 amended by Sal.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Do you have it, Cindy?

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

3 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

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

6 Next, Silva.

7 MR. LUCIANO: And Evelyn Silva, I would make  
8 a motion that we grant reconsideration.

9 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

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

12 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

13 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your  
15 hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

16 Darling.

17 MR. LUCIANO: On Darling, I would say we send  
18 the attorney a letter that we're willing to hear from  
19 him, but with the caution that if there is no new  
20 information, not to expect any new decision.

21 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

22 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? All in  
23 favor, say aye or raise your hand. Opposed, nay or  
24 raise your hand. The ayes have it.

25 Kilbride.

1 MR. LUCIANO: On Kilbride, I'd like to make a  
2 motion that we recommend to the committee that we deny  
3 it.

4 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
6 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
7 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
8 ayes have it.

9 MR. LUCIANO: I'm not sure if there's a  
10 motion required for Cicarella.

11 MR. CAREY: Mm-mm.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: No, that was  
13 informational.

14 MR. LUCIANO: And then I'm not sure if  
15 there's any motion required regarding CMERS.

16 And for the Robinson & Cole, I'd like to make  
17 two motions. The first would be to do a contract  
18 extension for Robinson & Cole.

19 MR. CAREY: Carey, second, with a friendly  
20 clarifier that we're executing the second extension  
21 permitted under the current contract.

22 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

23 MR. LUCIANO: And then there would be another  
24 motion that we put the contract out for RFP hopefully  
25 around the beginning of next year.

1 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right.

2 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: So we have motion one.  
4 Let's do that first.

5 MR. CAREY: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? I guess  
7 not. All in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

8 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

9 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your  
11 hand. It's unanimous.

12 Motion number two.

13 MR. CAREY: Are you calling for the vote?

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: I'm sorry.

15 MR. CAREY: We had a motion and a second so-

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, yeah, yeah. I am  
17 calling the vote.

18 MR. CAREY: --just call it. And I'm in  
19 favor.

20 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any opposed, nay. The  
22 ayes have it.

23 All right, now the second motion, please.

24 MR. LUCIANO: I think we're done. That was  
25 the second. Yeah, that was the second motion.



1           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: That was the second one.  
2    Okay. Why did I get so confused? I don't know.

3           MR. LUCIANO: Is there any other business?

4           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: No, there's no business.

5           MR. LUCIANO: Okay. Then I believe a motion  
6    to adjourn is in order.

7           MR. CAREY: This is Mike Carey. I'm glad to  
8    second that motion.

9           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Thank you very  
10   much.

11          MR. LUCIANO: We'll see you all next week.

12          MR. CAREY: Peace, all. Take care.

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

15          MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

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

18          MR. O'BRIEN: Peter, I won't be here next  
19   Thursday. I'm leaving that—

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