



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

DATE: November 8, 2023

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

Trustee Michael O'Brien

Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Tax Counsel Virginia McGarrity (Robinson & Cole LLP)

John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Assistant Director

Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Yamuna Menon, General Counsel and Assistant Comptroller

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. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

### **Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation**

1. Latoya Maia appeal – written legal opinion.
2. SERC v. Town of Ellington – pending litigation.
3. Linda Cicarella v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 8:37 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill, to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-3. Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items 1-3. 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 1-3. Mr. Herrington entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

At 8:52 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

**Public Session**

At 8:53 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Commission that the appeal be denied because the Retirement Commission cannot overturn a medical decision of the MEB. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 8:54 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey