



## 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