

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:32 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
Trustee Brian Hill
Trustee Sal Luciano
Trustee Michael O'Brien
Commission Counsel Michael J. Rose (Rose Kallor, LLP)
Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Assistant Director
Yamuna Menon, General Counsel and Assistant Comptroller

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 8:32 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. This is the Legal &
6 Personnel Subcommittee meeting of the Retirement
7 Commission being held remotely using Zoom technology.

8 Do you have the attendance, please, Cindy?

9 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning. This is Cindy
10 Cieslak. Present today, we have Chairman Peter
11 Adomeit, Trustee Brian Hill, Trustee Michael Carey,
12 Trustee Michael O'Brien; from the Office of the State
13 Comptroller, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel
14 Yam Menon; from the Retirement Services Division,
15 Division Director John Herrington; Assistant Director,
16 Robert Helfand; from Rose Kallor, General Counsel, we
17 have Michael Rose and Cindy Cieslak.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, thank you. I'm
19 going to turn the meeting over to John Herrington,
20 please.

21 MR. HERRINGTON: Okay. So does that mean
22 that we're - the intention is for us to start with the
23 RFP?

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yes.

25 MR. HERRINGTON: Okay. I thought that we

1 would do that last.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's up to you. We can do
3 that last, if you choose.

4 MR. HERRINGTON: I think that that probably
5 would be better because I don't - I think at that
6 point, we can kind of let Cindy do her thing, as Cindy
7 wouldn't be involved in those discussions.

8 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Okay, Cindy, so why
9 don't you proceed with the usual agenda, please?

10 MS. CIESLAK: Sure. Would the trustees like
11 to approve the agenda?

12 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien, so moved.

13 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

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

16 MS. CIESLAK: At this point - this is Cindy
17 Cieslak - I believe a motion to go into executive
18 session for the purpose of discussing the executive
19 session agenda would be appropriate.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Motion to go into
21 executive session, please.

22 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien. I move that
23 we go into executive session and invite in the
24 necessary commission members who have information that
25 may help us in making our deliberations.

1 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

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

5 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. I'll
6 note for the record that I believe the motion was to
7 include Yam Menon, John Herrington, and Robert Helfand
8 for Items 1 through 5, and Cindy Cieslak and Michael
9 Rose for Items 1 through 4, because they have
10 information and opinion that is relevant to the
11 discussion.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

13 (The Subcommittee was in executive session
14 from 8:34 a.m. until 9:07 a.m.)

15 (Mr. Luciano joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.)

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: There we go. Okay. We
17 need a motion on Mudry, please.

18 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
19 In the matter regarding Mr. Mudry, I move that we
20 grant Mr. Mudry's request to have his request for
21 disability retirement go before the MEB.

22 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion?
24 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye or raise your
25 hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

1 Joseph Russo.

2 MR. LUCIANO: I'd like to-

3 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike - oh,
4 go ahead, Sal.

5 MR. LUCIANO: No, go ahead, Mike.

6 MR. CAREY: So in the Russo matter, I move
7 that we deny Mr. Russo's request to cancel his
8 appearance before the MEB and that an appearance
9 before the MEB should proceed as intended.

10 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

14 Okay. Are we at adjournment, Cindy?

15 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to adjourn, Sal Luciano.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah.

17 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

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

21 Thank you very much. We did it, Cindy.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thanks, all.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Take care.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: See you next week,
2 everybody.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: See you next week.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bye, everyone.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah.

6 (Adjourned at 9:10 a.m.)
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