

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

NOVEMBER 8, 2023 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:35 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

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

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 8:35 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, we'll call the
6 meeting to order. This is the November 8th, 2023
7 meeting of the Legal & Personnel Subcommittee being
8 held remotely using Zoom technology.

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 Sal Luciano, Trustee Michael Carey,
13 Trustee Brian Hill, and Trustee Michael O'Brien. From
14 the Retirement Services Division, we have Robert
15 Helfand, Ben Sedrowski, and Assistant Comptroller and
16 General Counsel to the Office of the State Comptroller
17 is Yam Menon. She is present as well.

18 From Robinson & Cole, Tax Counsel, we have
19 Virginia McGarrity, and Cindy Cieslak, myself; I'm from
20 Rose Kallor, General Counsel to the Retirement
21 Commission.

22 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, thank you. We need
23 a motion to approve the agenda.

24 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

25 MR. HILL: Second, Hill.

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

3 Moving on to new business, do we have a
4 motion to go into executive session, please?

5 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

6 MR. HILL: Second, Hill.

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

9 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy
10 Cieslak. Can I confirm with the trustees that their
11 motion to go into executive session includes an
12 invitation to Robert Helfand, Yam Menon, Ben Sedrowski,
13 Virginia McGarrity, and myself, Cindy Cieslak to enter
14 executive session for discussion?

15 MR. LUCIANO: It does, because they might
16 have pertinent information.

17 MR. HILL: Yeah.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. Thank you.

19 (The subcommittee was in executive session
20 from 8:37 a.m. until 8:52 a.m.)

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: We need a motion on the
22 Latoya Maia appeal, please.

23 MR. LUCIANO: This is Sal Luciano. I'd like
24 to make a motion that we send her a letter denying her
25 appeal with our usual boilerplate language saying we

1 can't overturn a medical decision from the MEB.

2 MR. HILL: Second that motion, Hill.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion?
4 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

5 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
7 have it. Thank you.

8 MR. LUCIANO: I believe that's it.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, that's the end of
10 today's meeting. We need a motion to adjourn.

11 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

12 MR. HILL: Second, Hill.

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

15 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
17 have it. Thank you all very much.

18 MR. LUCIANO: Thank you. See you next week.

19 (Adjourned at 8:54 a.m.)
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