

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS & OVERPAYMENTS MEETING

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:07 a.m.

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Present (via Zoom):

Peter Adomeit, Chairman  
Trustee Michael Carey  
Trustee Brian Hill  
Trustee Michael O'Brien  
Trustee Rebecca Simonsen  
John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division  
Robert Helfand, Assistant Director, Retirement Services Division  
Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division  
Ben Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division  
Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:07 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: I can now call the meeting  
6 to order. This is a meeting of the State Employees  
7 Retirement Commission Subcommittee on Regulations &  
8 Overpayments being held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 remotely  
9 using Zoom technology.

10 Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

11 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning. This is Cindy  
12 Cieslak. Present today, we have Chairman Peter  
13 Adomeit, Trustee Michael Carey, Trustee Brian Hill,  
14 Trustee Michael O'Brien, Trustee Rebecca Simonsen; from  
15 the Office of the State Comptroller, Retirement  
16 Services Division, Division Director John Herrington,  
17 Assistant Director Robert Helfand, Assistant Director  
18 Colin Newman, and also Ben Sedrowski from the  
19 Retirement Services Division, and Cindy Cieslak from  
20 Rose Kallor, General Counsel.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Thank you, Cindy.

22 We need a motion to go into executive  
23 session.

24 MR. O'BRIEN: This is Michael O'Brien. So  
25 moved, with the inclusion of any non-SERC members that

1 need to be here.

2 MS. CIESLAK: For the record-

3 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. This is Cindy  
5 Cieslak. For the record, I believe the individuals  
6 that Mr. O'Brien is referring to are John Herrington,  
7 Colin Newman, Robert Helfand, Ben Sedrowski, and Cindy  
8 Cieslak.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

10 MR. O'BRIEN: Exactly.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you.

12 MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you, Cindy.

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

15 MR. CAREY: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes  
17 have it.

18 (The subcommittee was in executive session  
19 from 9:08 a.m. until 9:58 a.m.)

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, we need a motion on  
21 the Price matter.

22 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.  
23 On the Price matter, I move that the committee  
24 recommend to the full commission that they deny the  
25 request for waiver, but also instruct the division to

1 work with the member to extend the existing payment  
2 plan to provide some monthly relief to the member.

3 MR. O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, second.

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

6 MR. CAREY: Aye.

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

9 MR. NEWMAN: This is Colin.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: We need a motion - go  
11 ahead.

12 MR. NEWMAN: I'm sorry, Peter. This is  
13 Colin. I'm just curious. Did the question about the  
14 fact that he wanted his benefit payment from May of  
15 2021 repaid back to him because he said it was promised  
16 to him, was that discussed? I'm sorry, I missed all of  
17 that because I was having issues with the laptop.

18 MR. CAREY: Yes, Colin, that was discussed.  
19 So we considered that. He did end up requesting a  
20 waiver.

21 MR. NEWMAN: Right.

22 MR. CAREY: So that amount has already been  
23 put toward the overpayment.

24 MR. NEWMAN: Okay.

25 MR. CAREY: So we're - the motion, in effect,

1 keeps what happened in place.

2 MR. NEWMAN: Right, okay.

3 MR. CAREY: And it just extends some  
4 flexibility regarding the current payment plan.

5 MR. NEWMAN: Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. CAREY: And, Mr. Chairman, this is Mike  
7 Carey. In the Treusch matter, I move that the  
8 subcommittee recommend to the full commission that they  
9 deny the request for waiver, but that the commission  
10 instruct the division to extend the current payment  
11 plan to the period of a total of ten years.

12 MR. O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, second.

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

15 MR. CAREY: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes  
17 have it.

18 All right. We need a motion to adjourn.

19 MR. O'BRIEN: So moved, Mike O'Brien.

20 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or  
22 raise your hand.

23 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

24 MR. CAREY: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes

1     have it.

2                   Thank you all very much.

3                   (Adjourned at 10:01 a.m.)

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