

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

JANUARY 10, 2024 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:35 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
Trustee Brian Hill
Trustee Sal Luciano
Commission Counsel Michael J. Rose (Rose Kallor, LLP)
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: Good morning, everyone.
6 Peter Adomeit here. This is the State Employees
7 Retirement Commission Legal & Personnel Subcommittee
8 meeting being held by 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 Michael Carey, Trustee Brian Hill,
13 Trustee Sal Luciano; from the Retirement Services
14 Division, John Herrington, Robert Helfand, and Ben
15 Sedrowski. We also have Yam Menon, Assistant
16 Comptroller and General Counsel; from Robinson & Cole,
17 Tax Counsel, Virginia McGarrity; and from Rose Kallor,
18 General Counsel, Cindy Cieslak and Michael Rose.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you. We need a
20 motion to approve the agenda, please.

21 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, so moved.

22 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

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

25 New business, executive session. We need a

1 motion to go into executive session, please.

2 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

3 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Cindy, does that
5 include-

6 MS. CIESLAK: I'll confirm for the record
7 that the trustee's motion includes an invitation to
8 John Herrington, Robert Helfand, Ben Sedrowski, Yam
9 Menon, Virginia McGarrity, Michael Rose, and Cindy
10 Cieslak to enter executive session.

11 MR. LUCIANO: Correct.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you. All in favor,
13 say aye or raise your hand.

14 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

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

17 (The Subcommittee was in executive session
18 8:36 a.m. until 9:17 a.m.)

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion,
20 please, on Item Number 1 for grandfathering.

21 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
22 I would move that the Subcommittee recommend to the
23 full Commission that they instruct the Division to
24 contact UConn and UConn Health Center and instruct
25 UCONN and UCONN Health to make restitution for missed

1 contributions resulting from a misapplication of
2 Section 401(a)(17) in the case of reemployments.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Is there a second?

4 MR. HILL: Second, Hill.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you. Is there any
6 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, say aye or
7 raise your hand. Opposed, nay or raise your hand.
8 It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

9 Waters.

10 MR. LUCIANO: Regarding Waters, I'd like to
11 make a motion that we deny his appeal and tell him that
12 he gets credit for CMERS in his new position.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, we are recommending
14 that to the full Commission then; correct?

15 MR. LUCIANO: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, okay.

17 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
19 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

20 MR. ROSE: Mike Rose.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Michael? Just a second.

22 MR. ROSE: Just one question. Could you
23 possibly change that to have the Division advise him of
24 his rights under Section - Cindy, what's the first
25 section there? Seven-four-thirty-

1 MR. HELFAND: Seven-four-thirty-eight.

2 MR. ROSE: Is it (b)?

3 MR. HELFAND: Yes.

4 MR. ROSE: Okay. And the specific statute,
5 and then right in there, it says that he's got the
6 right to continue to contribute. Would that be
7 acceptable?

8 MR. LUCIANO: Yeah.

9 MR. CAREY: Agreed.

10 MR. HILL: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, so what would the
12 motion then sound like to recommend?

13 MR. ROSE: Mr. Carey? Sorry. Do you want me
14 to rephrase that?

15 MS. CIESLAK: Mike, if you want - this is
16 Cindy Cieslak.

17 MR. ROSE: No good.

18 MS. CIESLAK: My notes so far say, recommend
19 denial of Mr. Waters' appeal and direct the Division to
20 advise him of his rights under 7-438(b).

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Is that the motion,
22 Michael?

23 MS. CIESLAK: I think Sal might have
24 (inaudible).

25 MR. CAREY: I think it was Sal who made that

1 motion.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Sal. I'm sorry.

3 MR. LUCIANO: Yeah, that's fine.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. And now we need a
5 second, please.

6 MR. CAREY: Second, Carey.

7 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right. Any further
8 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, say aye or
9 raise your hand.

10 MR. CAREY: Aye.

11 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
13 have it.

14 Okay. Nice meeting. We're down to
15 adjournment.

16 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

17 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or
19 raise your hand.

20 MR. CAREY: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
22 have it.

23 MR. LUCIANO: Happy new year. See you next
24 week.

25 MR. CAREY: See you, everybody. Take care.

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(Adjourned at 9:19 a.m.)

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