



Meeting of the Legal & Personnel Subcommittee of the State Employees Retirement Commission

DATE: December 13, 2023

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)

Commission Tax Counsel Bruce Barth (Robinson & Cole 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 8:36 a.m. Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

At 8:38 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Kristofer Kelso request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
2. Christina Darling request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
3. Kevin Ahlquist appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Linda Cicarella v. SERC – pending litigation.
5. SERC v. Town of Ellington – pending litigation.

At 8:38 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-5. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, Michael Rose, and

Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items 1-5. 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 1-5.

At 9:27 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:27 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee table Ms. Darling's request until next month. All voted in favor.

At 9:28 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee recommend denying Mr. Ahlquist's appeal because the Commission is precluded from allowing him to purchase credit for time he already purchased with the City of Hartford Police Department and the appeal is further denied with respect to his request to go back to the MEB for a third appearance. All voted in favor.

At 9:29 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that Subcommittee recommend that the Commission direct the Division to schedule Mr. Kelso's appearance before the full Commission on reconsideration. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:30 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey