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

DATE: March 13, 2024

**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 9:32 a.m. Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

At 9:33 a.m., Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

### **Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation**

1. CMERS DROP Plan – written legal opinion.
2. Patrick Butler petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
3. Christopher Matherne appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Joseph Treusch request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
5. Linda Cicarella v. SERC – pending litigation.
6. SERC v. Town of Ellington – pending litigation.
7. Contract renewal for Rose Kallor due to possible disruption to pending claims/litigation – personnel matter.
8. Request for Proposals for Tax Counsel – personnel matter.

At 9:34 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-8. Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Yam Menon, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items 1-8. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Virginia McGarrity, and Michael Rose were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items 1-6. 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 1-8.

Mr. Carey left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Ms. McGarrity left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

At 10:33 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

### **Public Session**

At 10:33 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill that the Subcommittee recommend that with respect to the DROP plan, contributions continue during the DROP period and recommend that the Commission adopt the proposed DROP plan with that change. All voted in favor.

At 10:34 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Mr. Butler request and issue the declaratory ruling as drafted. All voted in favor.

At 10:35 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Mr. Matherne's request. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 10:36 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hill