### STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION



MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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

DATE: September 11, 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)
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Assistant Director
Yamuna Menon, General Counsel and Assistant Comptroller

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

At 8:34 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

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

- 1. Michael Mudry request for reconsideration written legal opinion.
- 2. Joseph Russo request written legal opinion.
- 3. Linda Cicarella v. SERC pending litigation.
- 4. SERC v. Town of Ellington pending litigation.
- 5. Review Proposals Submitted in Response to RFP for Tax Counsel Service personnel matter.

At 8:34 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-5. Robert Helfand, John Herrington, and Yam Menon were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items 1-5 because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. Cindy Cieslak and Michael Rose were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items

1-4 because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. All voted in favor.

Mr. Luciano joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

At 9:07 a.m., the Subcommittee exited executive session.

### **Public Session**

At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission grant Mr. Mudry's request to have his application for disability retirement go before the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Mr. Russo's request to cancel his appearance for the MEB and have Mr. Russo's appearance before the MEB proceed. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:10 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey