

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

AUGUST 7, 2024 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:36 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
Trustee Brian Hill
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

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(Proceedings commenced at 8:36 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We can call our meeting to order. This is a meeting of the on Legal and Personnel of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission being held remotely using Zoom technology. Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

MS. CIESLAK: Yes. Good morning. This is Cindy Cieslak. Present this morning we have Chairman Peter Adomeit, Trustee Michael Carey, Trustee Brian Hill, Trustee Michael O'Brien. From the office of the State Comptroller, General Counsel and Assistant Comptroller Yam Menon. From the Retirement Services Division, Robert Helfand and Ben Sedrowski. We have Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel from Rose Kallor, Bruce Barth and Virginia McGarrity, both Tax Counsel from Robinson and Cole.

CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion to approve the agenda, please.

MR. OBRIEN: So moved. I approve the agenda as presented, Mike O'Brien.

MR. CAREY: Mike Carey, second.

CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say, aye, or raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it. Okay. New business, executive session. We need a motion please, to

1 go into executive session.

2 MR. OBRIEN: I move we go into -- this is Mike
3 O'Brien. I move and go into executive session and invite in
4 the necessary people who have information or an opinion to help
5 us make a decision.

6 MR. CAREY: It's Mike Carey, second.

7 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: And do you have a list of those
8 people, Cindy?

9 MS. CIESLAK: Yes. it would be Yam Menon, Ben
10 Sedrowski, Robert Helfand, Cindy Cieslak, Bruce Barth, and
11 Virginia McGarrity.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Did it have it -- did I
13 call the motion in yet? No. Not that -- I didn't think so.
14 All in favor, say, aye, or raise your hand.

15 MR. HILL: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

17 (The Subcommittee was in executive session from 8:37
18 a.m. until 9:24 a.m. Michael Rose joined the meeting at 8:38
19 a.m., John Herrington joined the meeting at 8:48 a.m.)

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion please,
21 on Susan Martin.

22 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
23 Regarding the Susan Martin matter, I move that the recommend
24 that we table this matter with instruction to the division to
25 reach out to the agency to get additional documentation and

1 information.

2 MR. OBRIEN: Michael O'Brien, second.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none.

4 All in favor, say, aye, or raise your hand.

5 MR. HILL: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise your hand.

7 It's unanimous, the ayes have it. Sizensky.

8 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey. I move
9 that the recommend that the -- that -- move that the recommend
10 to the Full Commission that they deny Ms. Sizensky's appeal.

11 MR. OBRIEN: Michael O'Brien, second.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none.

13 All in favor, say, aye, or raise your hand.

14 MR. HILL: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise your hand.

16 It's unanimous. The ayes have it. Okay. LaPrise.

17 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey. In the
18 LaPrise matter, I move that the recommend that the Commission
19 deny the appeal.

20 MR. OBRIEN: Michael O'Brien, second.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none.

22 All in favor, say, aye, or raise your hand.

23 MR. HILL: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

25 Okay. Lawrence.

1 MR. CAREY: Chairman, this is Mike Carey. In the
2 Lawrence matter, I move that the recommend that the Commission
3 deny the appeal.

4 MR. OBRIEN: Michael O'Brien, second.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none.
6 All in favor, say, aye, or raise your hand.

7 MR. HILL: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise your hand.
9 It's unanimous. The ayes have it. Okay. Kimberly Newman.

10 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey. In the
11 Kimberly Newman matter, I move that the recommend that the
12 Commission grant the request for reconsideration and that the
13 division schedule an appearance before the Full Commission for
14 Ms. Newman.

15 MR. OBRIEN: Michael O'Brien, second.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none.
17 All in favor, say, aye, or raise your hand.

18 MR. HILL: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay, or raise your hand.
20 It's unanimous. The ayes have it. Okay. That completes the
21 business. We now need a motion to adjourn.

22 MR. CAREY: This is Mike Carey, so move.

23 MR. OBRIEN: Michael O'Brien, second.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say. aye, or raise
25 your hand. It's unanimous.

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MR. HILL: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: The ayes have it. Okay. Thank
you all very much.

(Adjourned at 9:27 a.m.)



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