



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION**

A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the “Commission”) was held on December 21, 2023. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were present:

- Peter Adomeit, Chairman
- Michael Bailey, Trustee
- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- Michael Carey, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Brian Hill, Trustee
- David Krayeski, Trustee
- Sal Luciano, Trustee
- Karen Nolen, Trustee
- Michael O’Brien, Trustee
- Claude Poulin, Trustee
- Timothy Ryor, Trustee
- Mark Sciota, Municipal Liaison
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee
- Ted Wright, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the Treasurer, Ex Officio Member

Absent were:

- Angel Quiros, Trustee

Also present were:

- Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson & Cole
- Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- John Garrett, Cavanaugh Macdonald
- Robert Helfand, Assistant Director, Retirement Services Division
- John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
- Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson & Cole
- Yamuna Menon, General Counsel & Assistant Comptroller
- Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division
- Michael Rose, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- Ben Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division



Call to Order

Chairman Adomeit called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.

At 9:03 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to amend the agenda to include the following items as Items 24 and 25:

- Request Acceptance of the State Employees Retirement System Valuation Report as of June 30, 2023
- Request Acceptance of the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System Valuation Report as of June 30, 2023

All voted in favor.

Division Director's Report

At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Herrington provided the Division Director's Report.

Division Director Report (12/21/2023)

I. Disability Retirements:

A. Pending Disability Applications for the Initial Review by the Medical Examining Board:

Currently the Disability Retirement Unit is scheduling into April 2023.

- There are 69 initial Disability Retirement Applications pending of which:
 - 15 New Applications Received for December 2023
 - 56 Applications are Scheduled
 - 13 Applications are Awaiting Review and Scheduling by Unit

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2023	78	75	75	86	88	92	93	90	80	79	71	69
2022	76	89	90	111	120	127	146	149	149	129	122	96

- In addition, the number of tabled cases and re-consideration cases are as follows:
 - 11 Tabled Cases Pending Due Date
 - 20 Reconsideration Cases Pending Due Date

B. Twenty-Four Month Reviews: Currently the Disability Retirement Unit is scheduling into May 2023.

- 42 Cases are Scheduled
- 5 Tabled Cases Pending Due Date
- 1 Reconsideration Cases Pending Due Date
- 96 Cases are Awaiting Due Date for 24-Month Review



C. Investigations: The Disability Retirement Unit scheduled 0 investigation cases.

II. Normal Retirements:

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
2023	81	60	48	47	50	63	100	75	79	67	66	68	804
2022	356	268	337	1,137	277	723	1,436	46	52	101	50	30	4,813
Historical Average	179	153	129	255	128	205	262	177	180	248	116	98	2,130

New Matters

1. Request Commission Approval of SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from November 16, 2023.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from November 16, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from November 16, 2023.
2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for November 2023.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for November 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for November 2023.
3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for November 2023.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for November 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for November 2023.
4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for November 2023.
 - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for November 2023.



- ii. Mr. Poulin abstained.
- iii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iv. The Commission voted unanimously in favor, with Mr. Poulin abstaining, to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for November 2023.

5. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for November 2023.

- i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for November 2023.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for November 2023.

6. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matters services for November 2023.

- i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matters services for November 2023.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matters services for November 2023.

7. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor for November 2023.

- i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for November 2023.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for November 2023.

8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for November 2023.

- i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for November 2023.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for November 2023.

9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for November 2023.

- i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for November 2023.



- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for November 2023.

10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for November 2023.

- i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for November 2023.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for November 2023.

11. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for November 2023.

- i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for November 2023.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for November 2023.

12. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre Retirement Deaths for November 2023.

- i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre Retirement Deaths for November 2023.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre Retirement Deaths for November 2023.

13. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Municipal Employees Retirements for November 2023.

- i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Municipal Employees Retirements for November 2023.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Municipal Employees Retirements for November 2023.

14. Request Commission Approval of the Municipal Employees Retirement System Approved Disability Retirement from the Medical Examining Board for November 2023.

- i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System approved disability retirement from the Medical Examining Board for November 2023.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.



- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System approved disability retirement from the Medical Examining Board for November 2023.
- 15. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for November 2023.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for November 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for November 2023.
- 16. Request Commission Acceptance of the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee recommendations from the meeting held on November 21, 2023.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee recommendations from the meeting held on November 21, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee recommendations from the meeting held on November 21, 2023.
- 17. a. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commission Retirement Fund Statement of Operations for fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commission Retirement Fund Statement of Operations for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commission Retirement Fund Statement of Operations for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
b. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commission Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commission Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commission Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.



18.
 - a. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the Connecticut Policemen & Firemen Survivors Benefit Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut Policemen & Firemen Survivors Benefit Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Connecticut Policemen & Firemen Survivors Benefit Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - b. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the Connecticut Policemen & Firemen Survivors Benefit Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut Policemen & Firemen Survivors Benefit Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut Policemen & Firemen Survivors Benefit Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
19.
 - a. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the Public Defenders Retirement Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Public Defenders Retirement Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Public Defenders Retirement Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - b. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the Public Defenders Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Public Defenders Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Public Defenders' Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
20.
 - a. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the General Assembly Pension Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the General Assembly Pension Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the General Assembly Pension Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.



- b. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the General Assembly Pension Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the General Assembly Pension Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the General Assembly Pension Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
21.
 - a. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the State Attorneys Retirement Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the State Attorneys Retirement Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the State Attorneys Retirement Fund Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - b. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the State Attorneys' Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the State Attorneys' Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the State Attorneys' Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
22.
 - a. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the State Employees Retirement System Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the State Employees Retirement System Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the State Employees Retirement System Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - b. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the State Employees Retirement System Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - iv. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the State Employees Retirement System Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - v. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - vi. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the State Employees Retirement System Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.



23.
 - a. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Statement of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 - b. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Fund Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - vii. At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
 - viii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - ix. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023.
24. Request Commission Acceptance of the State Employees Retirement System Valuation Report as of June 30, 2023.
 - i. At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the State Employees Retirement System Valuation Report as of June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the State Employees Retirement System Valuation Report as of June 30, 2023.
25. Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System Valuation Report as of June 30, 2023.
 - iv. At 9:15 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System Valuation Report as of June 30, 2023.
 - v. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - vi. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System Valuation Report as of June 30, 2023.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

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



At 9:15 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 143. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, Colin Newman, Michael Rose, and Ben Sedrowski were invited by the Commission to stay for executive session on Items 1-4. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session to discuss Items 1-4.

At 9:34 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to exit executive session. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Commission voted unanimously to exit executive session.

Public Session

At 9:35 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to invite Mr. Kelso to the January meeting to hear his request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

At 9:35 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Mr. Ahlquist's request to purchase his military time because he has purchased such time with the Hartford Police Department, and to also deny his request to review by the Medical Examining Board for a third time. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Prepared by John Herrington
Director Retirement Services Division