

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION MEETING

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MARCH 21, 2024 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:04 a.m.

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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 Kraveski, 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 was:

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

Also Present, continued:

Michael Rose, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor  
Ben Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:04 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. This is the State  
6 Employees Retirement Commission, Office of State  
7 Comptroller, meeting electronically via Zoom.

8 Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

9 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning. This is Cindy  
10 Cieslak. Present this morning, we have Chairman Peter  
11 Adomeit; Trustee Michael Bailey; Tax Counsel from  
12 Robinson & Cole, Bruce Barth; Trustee Michael Carey;  
13 Trustee Carl Chisem; General Counsel from Rose Kallor,  
14 Cindy Cieslak; Deputy Comptroller and Ex Officio Member  
15 of the Retirement Commission, Tara Downes; Assistant  
16 Director, Retirement Services Division, Robert Helfand;  
17 Division Director, Retirement Services Division, John  
18 Herrington; Trustee Brian Hill; Trustee David Krayeski;  
19 Trustee Sal Luciano; Tax Counsel from Robinson & Cole,  
20 Virginia McGarrity; General Counsel and Assistant  
21 Comptroller, Yam Menon; Trustee Karen Nolen; Trustee  
22 Michael O'Brien; Actuarial Trustee Claude Poulin;  
23 General Counsel from Rose Kallor, Michael Rose;  
24 Actuarial Trustee Tim Ryor; Municipal Liaison Mark  
25 Sciota; Chief Investment Officer, Office of the

1 Treasurer, and Ex Officio Member of the Commission, Ted  
2 Wright; from the Retirement Services Division, Ben  
3 Sedrowski; and from Cavanaugh Macdonald, John Garrett.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion to  
5 amend the agenda.

6 MR. POULIN: Mr. Chairman, this is Claude  
7 Poulin. I move to amend the agenda to add, after Item  
8 18, the following Item 19: To request the Commission to  
9 accept the SERS GASB 68 Report Prepared as of June 30<sup>th</sup>,  
10 2023 Measurement Date for June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Reporting  
11 Date.

12 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
14 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

15 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your  
17 hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

18 Okay. Now, did we call the motion to amend  
19 the DROP Program? I'm sorry. I don't think we did;  
20 did we?

21 MR. LUCIANO: No.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy  
23 Cieslak.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah.

25 MS. CIESLAK: It's on the agenda in executive

1 session as Item Number 1.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: I'm sorry. It is. All  
3 right. Yeah, thank you.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy  
5 Cieslak. I will note for the record that Rebecca  
6 Simonsen, Trustee, has joined us, and Trustee Karen  
7 Buffkin.

8 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. I'll defer to John  
9 Herrington for the Division Director's Report.

10 MR. HERRINGTON: Good morning, everyone. And  
11 before I get started with the Division Director's  
12 Report, the General Counsel, Yam Menon, has an item  
13 she'd like to discuss.

14 MS. MENON: Good morning, folks. Yem here.  
15 I just wanted to give an early reminder heading into  
16 the annual reporting of the Statement of Financial  
17 Interests from the Office of State Ethics. This year's  
18 report is due May 1<sup>st</sup>, so you will have some time to  
19 file. So I just wanted to get that on your radar.

20 As a reminder, it's an electronic-only  
21 filing, so paper filings are no longer accepted. If  
22 you have done one before for the Retirement Commission,  
23 the system should have your information, so it should  
24 be pretty straightforward to just do your updates,  
25 click through the system, and submit. So I just wanted

1 to remind you about that.

2 Any questions on the SFI itself, feel free to  
3 let me know. Also, the emails that will be coming to  
4 you from the Office of State Ethics will have contact  
5 information in case you have technical questions, like  
6 you can't get past the screen, or you have any issues  
7 with the filing itself.

8 So just wanted to give an early heads-up.  
9 And then, for anybody who is also either a State  
10 employee or a member of another entity that you have to  
11 file for, you only have to file once, but you just  
12 cross-identify it for your respective agencies.

13 So just wanted to give that heads-up. I'll  
14 give one last reminder in April. So just wanted to let  
15 you know. Thanks, everyone.

16 MR. LUCIANO: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. John Herrington?

18 MR. HERRINGTON: Yes. So good morning,  
19 everyone. I've circulated the Director's Report.  
20 Again, we see a slight uptick in retirement activity,  
21 but these are still kind of historic lows for, you  
22 know, probably the past 18 months or so.

23 In terms of what the focus of the Division  
24 has been over the past month, there's probably two  
25 primary focuses. The first would be the implementation

1 of the MERS reforms. So we have the MERS documents,  
2 the provisions for the DROP plan to discuss today.

3 Also, this office continues to work with a  
4 working group on additional potential MERS reforms, and  
5 there likely will be a submission of legislation to  
6 create a new board to oversee the MERS plan. That's  
7 something that I believe we are sending to the  
8 legislature, if not today, later this week.

9 We're also going to fix the one issue  
10 relating to MERS reemployment where there's the  
11 prohibition on MERS retirees from working for non-  
12 participating municipalities and also participating in  
13 that non-participating municipalities' pension plan.

14 Beyond that, the next focus of the Division  
15 has been on enrollment issues. We have some new  
16 technology and sequels where we're able to identify  
17 historical contribution errors across any of the number  
18 of plans that we administer. We've instituted a  
19 default program, so hopefully this will correct and  
20 prevent errors from occurring in the first place. But  
21 there is a lot of cleanup for us identifying  
22 individuals that were enrolled in the wrong plan, and  
23 that's a focus we hope to go live with, that new  
24 functionality for the default plans, by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

25 But those are the major projects that the

1 Division is working on at this time.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Thank you, John.  
3 Moving on to new matters.

4 MR. BAILEY: Good morning, everyone, Mr.  
5 Chairman. This is Michael Bailey. I move approval of  
6 the State Employees Retirement System Minutes with  
7 Director's Report from February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
10 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
11 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
12 ayes have it.

13 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey. I  
14 move approval of the Connecticut SERS expenses for  
15 February 2024.

16 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

17 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or  
18 raise your hand. Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The  
19 ayes have it, unanimous.

20 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of  
21 the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's  
22 per diem expenses for February 2024.

23 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
25 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.



1       Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
2       eyes have it.

3               MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey. I  
4       move approval of the State Employees Retirement  
5       Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's per diem and  
6       travel expenses reimbursement for February 2024 with  
7       Claude abstaining.

8               MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

9               CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
10       none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
11       Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
12       eyes have it.

13              MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of  
14       the State Employees Retirement Commission Management  
15       Trustee Tim Ryor's per diem expenses for February 2024  
16       with Tim Ryor abstaining.

17              MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

18              CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
19       none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
20       Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The eyes have it.

21              MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move Items 6 and  
22       7 on the agenda, acceptance of invoices of Robinson &  
23       Cole and invoices from Rose Kallor, executive session  
24       for February 2024.

25              MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

1           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
2 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

3           MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

4           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your  
5 hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

6           MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move Items 8, 9,  
7 and 10 on the agenda, approval of the Connecticut State  
8 Employees Retirement System service retirements,  
9 voluntary pending retirements, and disability  
10 retirements for February 2024.

11          MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

12          CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
13 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
14 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
15 ayes have it.

16          MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey. I  
17 move approval of the Connecticut State Employees  
18 Retirement System preretirement death benefits for  
19 February 2024.

20          MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

21          CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
22 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
23 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
24 ayes have it.

25          MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey. I

1 move approval of the Connecticut State Employees  
2 Retirement System municipal employees' retirements for  
3 February 2024.

4 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
6 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
7 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The ayes have it.

8 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of  
9 the Municipal Employees Retirement Systems' approved  
10 disability retirements from the Medical Examining  
11 Board, February 2024.

12 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
14 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
15 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
16 ayes have it.

17 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of  
18 the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund  
19 personnel expenses for February 2024.

20 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
22 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
23 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
24 ayes have it.

25 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael

1 Bailey. I move approval of the Connecticut Probate  
2 Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Balance Sheet as  
3 of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

4 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

7 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The ayes have it.

8 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of  
9 the Connecticut Probate Judges and Employees Retirement  
10 Fund Statement of Operations ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

11 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
13 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

14 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
15 ayes have it.

16 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of  
17 the recommendation from the Subcommittee on Purchase of  
18 Service & Related Matters meeting held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
19 2024.

20 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
22 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

23 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
24 ayes have it.

25 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey. I

1 move Item 19 on the agenda, acceptance of the GASB 68  
2 Report for the Connecticut State Employees Retirement  
3 System Prepared as of June 30, 2023.

4 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
6 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
7 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The ayes have it.

8 MR. BAILEY: And, Mr. Chairman, I move that  
9 the Committee address the request received from  
10 Kristofer Kelso that the Commission review and  
11 reconsider its August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 denial of his request  
12 to make a new retirement plan election to the Teachers'  
13 Retirement System.

14 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Is this a motion to make  
16 it in executive session?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Peter, before you go  
18 into executive session, is it possible to get a copy of  
19 the attachment for Item 12, please? It wasn't - they  
20 weren't included in the agenda, the attachments.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Item 12?

22 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman,  
23 this is Cindy Cieslak. Regarding the motion, the  
24 motion is to hear Mr. Kelso.

25 And, Ms. Colin (phonetic), I did receive your

1 request in the chat, and I forwarded it to the  
2 individual for the Comptroller's Office who handles FOI  
3 requests. So that way, we can provide a copy to you,  
4 making sure that no redactions or anything are  
5 necessary.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you so  
7 much.

8 MS. CIESLAK: If you could put your email  
9 address in the chat to me, then we'll be able to  
10 respond to that request.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Now, Cindy, do we need a  
13 motion with two-thirds of the vote to go into executive  
14 session to discuss Kelso?

15 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Present  
16 right now, the motion on the floor is to hear Mr.  
17 Kelso.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

19 MS. CIESLAK: It's been moved and seconded.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. I'll call the  
21 motion, yeah.

22 MS. CIESLAK: And so I think that motion -  
23 thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say  
25 aye or raise your hand. Opposed, nay or raise your

1 hand. The eyes have it.

2 Mr. Kelso, you have the floor.

3 MR. KELSO: Okay. Good morning. Thank you  
4 for hearing me this morning. Here's the situation. I  
5 am an employee of the Fairfield Public School System,  
6 which is a municipality, as we all know. I am not - at  
7 the time that I filled this information out, I was - I  
8 am not a State worker. I'm an employee of a  
9 municipality, Fairfield Public Schools.

10 So when I was hired at WestConn, as part of  
11 the onboarding process getting (inaudible) all of this  
12 information to fill out via email, and there's no one  
13 that gives you any help or talks you through it or  
14 explains anything. You just get a lot of stuff in your  
15 email and you're to go and fill it out.

16 So I did; I did that. And in the process of  
17 filling it out, there is boxes to check. And one of  
18 the boxes says, if you're a member of the Teachers'  
19 Retirement System. So I went and looked up to figure  
20 out where I was as an employee of the municipality, and  
21 everything that I can read, including the email of the  
22 Teachers' Retirement Board, is TRB, TRB, TRB, Teachers'  
23 Retirement Board.

24 On WestConn's paperwork, it has it as the  
25 Teachers' Retirement System, okay? So there's -

1 there's a conflict there, Teachers' Retirement System,  
2 Teachers' Retirement Board. I looked around, checked  
3 up, you know, looked at their email address at  
4 Teachers' Retirement Board. Then I went to the rubric  
5 that is enclosed that Mr. Sedrowski sent to all of you,  
6 hopefully. Thank you for all of his work because he's  
7 been back and forth with me, and I appreciate it.

8 If you look at the top column in the rubric  
9 all the way to the right, it again mentions, if you are  
10 a State employee, right? I am not a State employee.  
11 I'm an employee of Fairfield Public Schools,  
12 municipality. So I checked off that I didn't want to  
13 be part of the retirement system.

14 And then I went around and I was talking to  
15 people, and they said to me, I think you made the wrong  
16 election. And I said, on the basis of what? And they  
17 said, well, you are a part of the Teachers' Retirement  
18 System, even though it's TRB.

19 So I asked to, you know, have that changed,  
20 and they said, no, that it's irrevocable. Now, we are  
21 at a loss for teachers in the State of Connecticut and  
22 nationally, okay? I'm not sure why we want to penalize  
23 teachers for working every day for our students, public  
24 schools, higher education with an irrevocable - I'm not  
25 asking to go back and submit funds that I'd lost. I'm



1 asking from now forward.

2 So it's not like I want things to be  
3 retroactive. I just want to be able to be part of the  
4 retirement plan and have some monies deducted from my  
5 part-time salary at Western Connecticut State  
6 University.

7 So that's what I'm asking you, to allow that  
8 to be changed this one time. I don't know anywhere  
9 where anything is irrevocable. If you have to take the  
10 Bar and you don't do well, you can take it again. If  
11 you want to be a certified teacher in the State of  
12 Connecticut, you don't pass the test, you can take it  
13 again. So I'm not sure why this is irrevocable.

14 And if it is going to be irrevocable and  
15 difficult for people to make a change, then the  
16 paperwork needs to be adjusted in a manner so that it's  
17 not confusing to people, either that or someone needs  
18 to sit directly next to a person and help them navigate  
19 this paperwork.

20 So that is my case. I'd be happy to answer  
21 any questions.

22 MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael  
23 Bailey. I move that the Commission move this matter to  
24 executive session.

25 MR. ROSE: Mr. Chairman, this is Attorney

1 Rose.

2 Mr. Bailey, would you like to include, for  
3 purposes of discussing a written legal opinion?

4 MR. BAILEY: Yes, of course.

5 MR. LUCIANO: Yeah, and so we can meet with  
6 our attorney and get their input.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy  
8 Cieslak. I did, I believe, see Trustee Luciano  
9 speaking while he was on mute, so I'm not sure if he  
10 intended to second Mr. Bailey's motion. But right now,  
11 the motion does not have a second.

12 MR. LUCIANO: It has a second now. I  
13 apologize. I was on mute.

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Thank you. All in  
15 favor, say aye or raise your hand.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman?

17 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? I'm  
18 sorry.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, I apologize. I  
20 do actually have discussion.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah.

22 MS. CIESLAK: If the trustees do not have any  
23 questions for Mr. Kelso, I have a question for Mr.  
24 Kelso.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Right now?

1 MS. CIESLAK: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Go ahead.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Or at least while we're - while  
4 he's here. I don't want to let him go. At some point.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Got it.

6 MS. CIESLAK: I know the trustees had a  
7 question.

8 Mr. Kelso, while you were teaching at  
9 Fairfield, were you teaching at - I believe you said it  
10 was Western. Were you teaching at Western on the same  
11 days you would teach at Fairfield, or were there days  
12 that you would teach at Western where you were not  
13 teaching at Fairfield?

14 MR. KELSO: Thank you for that question. Let  
15 me make it perfectly clear. I'm a fulltime educator at  
16 the Fairfield Public School System with a contract that  
17 has me from 8:00 to 2:50 with a 30-minute wraparound  
18 time. My WestConn classes are either asynchronous or  
19 at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening. So there is no  
20 conflict of interest there. Thank you.

21 MS. CIESLAK: Can you clarify what  
22 asynchronous means?

23 MR. KELSO: Asynchronous means that there's  
24 no face-to-face, that I've created a learning  
25 management system that's connected with WestConn's,

1       which is they're using Blackboard, and I use Google  
2       Classroom. As I'm teaching pre-service teachers in the  
3       public school system, they'll be using Google Classroom  
4       more likely than they will be Blackboard. So that's  
5       the system I use.

6                So when I'm teaching an asynchronous class, I  
7       post weekly. Actually, I post through the whole  
8       semester, and then it's set up where it comes out  
9       weekly. So once again, there is no conflict of  
10      interest between my duty in the public school system  
11      and my duties at the State university system.

12               MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy  
13      Cieslak. If the trustees have any further questions, I  
14      would recommend they ask them before we move into  
15      executive session. Otherwise, the motion can be  
16      called.

17               CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Is there any further  
18      discussion now publicly? Okay. Hearing none, we have  
19      a motion, then we have a second. All in favor, say aye  
20      or raise your hand.

21               MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

22               CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your  
23      hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

24               MR. BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, this is Michael  
25      Bailey. I move that we suspend the regular session and

1 move into executive session to take up the Items 1  
2 through 8 in executive session, and I ask that Cindy  
3 identify the individuals that we would like to take  
4 with us into executive session.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy  
6 Cieslak. The individuals to whom Mr. Bailey refers  
7 includes Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand,  
8 John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yam Menon, Michael  
9 Rose, and Ben Sedrowski

10 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second. They'll  
11 have, likely, input on these issues.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion?  
13 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
14 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
15 ayes have it.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Kelso, I'm going to place  
17 you in the waiting room, but we are entering executive  
18 session. If you are still in the waiting room when we  
19 reenter public session, you will be invited back in.

20 (The Commission was in executive session from  
21 9:27 a.m. until 10:24 a.m.)

22 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion  
23 on the Kelso matter.

24 MR. LUCIANO: I move that we table Kelso  
25 until next month so that we can get additional

1 information.

2 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Excuse  
4 me. Hearing none, all in favor, say aye or raise your  
5 hand. Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The ayes have  
6 it.

7 Butler.

8 MR. LUCIANO: I make a motion that we send  
9 the declaratory ruling today.

10 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
12 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
13 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
14 ayes have it.

15 Metherny (phonetic), or Matherne.

16 MR. LUCIANO: I make a motion to deny, Sal  
17 Luciano.

18 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
20 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
21 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
22 ayes have it.

23 Adjournment.

24 MR. LUCIANO: So moved.

25 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

1           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or  
2 raise your hand. Opposed, nay or raise your hand.  
3 It's always unanimous; the ayes have it.

4           Thank you all very much.

5           MS. CIESLAK: Thank you, everyone.

6           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Kelso has a  
7 question in the chat.

8           MS. CIESLAK: Yep. I was going to answer it.

9           Mr. Kelso, you are always welcome to attend  
10 the public meetings. So if you want to attend and  
11 listen in on the public session, you're more than  
12 welcome to. The Zoom information will change. It will  
13 be at the top of the agenda that's posted for next  
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