

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

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MAY 16, 2024 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:03 a.m.

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Present:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman  
Michael Bailey, Trustee  
Karen Buffkin, Trustee  
Michael Carey, Trustee  
Carl Chisem, 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  
Angel Quiros, 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:

John Disette, Trustee

Also present were:

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

Also present, continued:

Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel to the Commission,  
Robinson & Cole

Yamuna Menon, General Counsel & Assistant Comptroller  
Ben Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:03 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: --point, we'll call for  
6 the attendance. And then, Claude, you can make the  
7 motion to amend the agenda.

8 MR. POULIN: Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. So we have the  
10 attendance now, Cindy?

11 MS. CIESLAK: If you want to call the meeting  
12 to order, Peter.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Oh, yeah, of course. I  
14 call the meeting to order. Is the recording on?

15 MS. CIESLAK: Yeah.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Attendance.

17 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning. This is Cindy  
18 Cieslak. Present today, we have Chairman Peter  
19 Adomeit; Trustee Michael Bailey; Trustee Karen Buffkin;  
20 Trustee Michael Carey; Trustee Carl Chisem; General  
21 Counsel from Rose Kallor, Cindy Cieslak; Deputy  
22 Comptroller, Ex Officio Member of the Retirement  
23 Commission, Tara Downes; Assistant Director, Retirement  
24 Services Division, Robert Helfand; Division Director,  
25 Retirement Services Division, John Herrington; Trustee

1 Brian Hill; Trustee Sal Luciano; Tax Counsel from  
2 Robinson & Cole, Virginia McGarrity; General Counsel  
3 and Assistant Comptroller, Yam Menon; Trustee Karen  
4 Nolen; Trustee Michael O'Brien; Actuarial Trustee  
5 Claude Poulin; Trustee Angel Quiros; Actuarial Trustee  
6 Tim Ryor; from the Retirement Services Division, Ben  
7 Sedrowski; Municipal Liaison Mark Sciota; John Garrett  
8 from Cavanaugh Macdonald.

9 Is there anybody else I missed? All right, I  
10 think we're ready, Peter.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion to  
12 amend the agenda. Claude?

13 MR. POULIN: Mr. Chairman, this is Claude  
14 Poulin. I move to amend the agenda to add to Item 19  
15 the following Item 20: to request the Commission to  
16 accept the CMERS GASB 67 Report Prepared as of June  
17 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023; Item 21: to request the Commission to accept  
18 the CMERS GASB 68 Report Prepared as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023;  
19 and Item 22: to request the Commission to accept the  
20 Probate Judges and Employees Retirement System  
21 Actuarial Valuation Report Prepared as of December 31,  
22 2023.

23 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

1 hand or say aye. The ayes have it.

2 Okay. We'll move - sorry.

3 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano. I'd like to make  
4 a motion to approve the SERC Minutes with Director's  
5 Report from April 2024.

6 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

7 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say  
8 aye or raise your hand. Opposed, nay or raise your  
9 hand. The ayes have it.

10 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve the  
11 Connecticut SERS expenses for April 2024.

12 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, 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 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to request approval of  
19 the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's  
20 per diem expenses for April 2024.

21 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

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

25 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve the State

1 Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee, Claude  
2 Poulin's per diem and travel expenses reimbursement for  
3 April 2024 with Claude abstaining.

4 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, 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. LUCIANO: Motion to approve the State  
9 Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee,  
10 Timothy Ryor's per diem expenses for April 2024 with  
11 Timothy abstaining.

12 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, 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. The ayes have it.

16 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to accept Items 6 and 7,  
17 invoices from Robinson & Cole and invoices from Rose  
18 Kallor.

19 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

24 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve the  
25 Connecticut State Employees Retirement System service

1 retirements for April 2024.

2 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
4 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
5 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the  
6 ayes have it.

7 MR. LUCIANO: Item 9, vote - motion to  
8 approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement  
9 System voluntary pending retirements for April 2024.

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 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve Connecticut  
16 State Employees Retirement System disability  
17 retirements for April 2024.

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 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve Connecticut  
24 State Employees Retirement System retroactive  
25 retirements, April 2024.

1 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

5 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve the  
6 Connecticut State Employees Retirement System municipal  
7 employees' retirements for April 2024.

8 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, 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. The ayes have it.

12 MR. LUCIANO: Request - motion to approve  
13 Municipal Employees Retirement System tabled, denied  
14 disability retirements from the Medical Examining  
15 Board, April 2024.

16 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

20 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve the Municipal  
21 Employees Retirement System approved disability  
22 retirements from the Medical Examining Board, April  
23 2024.

24 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing



1 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

2 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The ayes have it;  
3 unanimous.

4 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to accept Items 15 and  
5 16, the recommendations by the Medical Examining Board  
6 for continued entitlement approvals and Medical  
7 Examining Board for continued entitlement tabled and  
8 denials, April of 2024.

9 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

13 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve the RSD to  
14 discontinue disability applications' one-year  
15 limitation for April 2024.

16 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

21 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve Probate  
22 Judges and Employees Retirement Fund personnel expenses  
23 for April 2024.

24 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing

1 none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

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

4 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve the  
5 recommendations from the Regulations & Overpayments  
6 Subcommittee meeting held April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

7 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

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

11 MR. LUCIANO: And I believe Items 20 and 21  
12 are now in order. Claude?

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yes.

14 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Claude,  
15 you're muted.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, we still can't hear  
17 you, Claude. There we go.

18 MR. POULIN: This is Claude. I request the  
19 Commission to accept - I move to request the Commission  
20 to accept the CMERS GASB 67 Report Prepared as of June  
21 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

22 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

23 MR. LUCIANO: Sal-

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

1       Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The ayes have it;  
2       unanimous.

3               MR. POULIN: I move to request the Commission  
4       to accept the CMERS GASB 68 Report Prepared as of June  
5       30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

6               MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

11              MR. POULIN: I move to request the Commission  
12      to accept the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement  
13      System Actuarial Valuation Report Prepared as of  
14      December 31, 2023.

15              MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

19              We need a motion, please—

20              MR. LUCIANO: Now I'd—

21              CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Go ahead.

22              MR. LUCIANO: Now I'd like to make a motion  
23      that we go into executive session for the specific six  
24      items listed on the agenda, and I'm inviting the usual  
25      people who may have direct information that we need to

1 hear.

2 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Cindy?

4 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, I believe the  
5 individuals that Mr. Luciano is inviting include Cindy  
6 Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia  
7 McGarrity, Yam Menon, and Ben Sedrowski.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Thank you, Cindy. Yes, that's  
9 correct.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion?  
11 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
12 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The ayes have it.

13 Is the recording off?

14 MS. CIESLAK: I'm about to turn it off.

15 (The Commission was in executive session from  
16 9:13 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.)

17 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion,  
18 please, on Christina Darling.

19 MR. LUCIANO: I'd like to make a motion  
20 regarding Christina Darling that we grant her request  
21 for reconsideration.

22 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

1 ayes have it.

2 MR. LUCIANO: Regarding Janet Jubrey, I'd  
3 like to make a motion that we remand her case to the  
4 MEB for total review and also to address the SSI issue  
5 specifically.

6 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

11 MR. LUCIANO: Regarding Jeffrey Scott, I'd  
12 like to make a motion to table this until next month  
13 pending further information.

14 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

19 MR. LUCIANO: Regarding Joseph Sandrowski, I  
20 make a motion to deny his request for reconsideration.

21 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

1 MR. LUCIANO: That completes the agenda.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah. We need a motion to  
3 adjourn.

4 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

5 MR. BAILEY: Bailey, second.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion?  
7 All in favor, say aye or raise your hand. Opposed, nay  
8 or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

9 MR. LUCIANO: Thank you, all. Be well.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

11 (Adjourned at 9:47 a.m.)

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I, Karin A. Empson, do hereby  
certify that the preceding pages are an accurate  
transcription of the Connecticut State Employees  
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05/31/2024

Date