

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

FEBRUARY 7, 2024 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:31 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

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1 (Proceedings commenced at 8:31 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, Peter Adomeit here.

6 We need a motion to approve the agenda, please.

7 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien. Motion to
8 approve the agenda for this morning's meeting.

9 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye.

11 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Unanimous, the ayes take
13 it.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy
15 Cieslak. Before we proceed, would you like me to
16 announce those who are present?

17 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: New business. Motion
18 (inaudible) into executive session, please.

19 MR. O'BRIEN: Is anyone else-

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Cindy, you're frozen.
21 There we go.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Give me one second. I'm going
23 to pause the recording and switch my Internet
24 connection. So give me one second.

25 Can everyone hear me now?

1 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: I can.

2 MS. CIESLAK: Okay, good. I apologize for
3 that.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, your audio is fine.
5 Oh, yeah. Okay, I can see you blink your eyes.

6 MS. CIESLAK: I'm going to turn my picture
7 off. There, that should be better. I apologize. I am
8 in a remote location because Mike and I have a
9 presentation this morning. So I had to get here in
10 order to do a meeting.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: (Inaudible)

12 MS. CIESLAK: In New Haven.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Oh, New Haven.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, before my audio
15 was very glitchy, I had asked if you want me to
16 announce those who are in attendance prior to moving
17 through the agenda.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, thank you.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Okay. This is Cindy Cieslak.
20 Present today, we have Chairman Peter Adomeit, Trustee
21 Michael Carey, Trustee Brian Hill, Trustee Michael
22 O'Brien. We have Tax Counsel from Robinson & Cole,
23 Bruce Barth and Virginia McGarrity. From the
24 Retirement Services Division, we have Ben Sedrowski and
25 Robert Helfand. And from Rose Kallor, General Counsel,

1 we have Cindy Cieslak and Michael Rose.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, very good. Now we
3 need a motion to go into executive session, please.

4 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien, move we go
5 into executive session and include the necessary non-
6 retirement-commission members.

7 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

8 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, do you recite who
9 they are, Cindy?

10 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy
11 Cieslak. I believe those who are invited in are Ben
12 Sedrowski, Robert Helfand, Bruce Barth, Virginia
13 McGarrity, Michael Rose and Cindy Cieslak.

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

16 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
18 have it.

19 (The Subcommittee was in executive session
20 from 8:34 a.m. until 8:55 a.m.)

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, we need a motion on
22 Antwi.

23 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien. I move we
24 grant Mr. Antwi's request for reconsideration.

25 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

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

3 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
5 have it.

6 Okay, we need a motion on Cristofaro.

7 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
8 I move that we recommend to the full Commission that
9 Mr. Cristofaro's request for disability retirement
10 effective 6/1/22 be approved.

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

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

15 Okay, I think we're through with the agenda.
16 So we need a motion to adjourn.

17 MR. O'BRIEN: Michael O'Brien, move we
18 adjourn.

19 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say
21 aye or raise your hand.

22 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
24 have it. Thank you very much.

25 (Adjourned at 8:57 a.m.)

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