

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

MARCH 13, 2024 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:32 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
Trustee Brian Hill
Trustee Sal Luciano
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

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:32 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. This is the monthly

6 meeting of the Legal & Personnel Subcommittee of the

7 Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission being

8 held remotely using Zoom technology.

9 Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

10 MS. CIESLAK: Yes. Good morning. This is

11 Cindy Cieslak. Present this morning, we have Chairman

12 Peter Adomeit; Trustee Michael O'Brien; Trustee Brian

13 Hill; Trustee Michael Carey; Trustee Sal Luciano; Yam

14 Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel; from

15 the Retirement Services Division, John Herrington, Ben

16 Sedrowski, and Rob Helfand. We have Tax Counsel from

17 Robinson & Cole, Bruce Barth and Virginia McGarry,

18 and General Counsel from Rose Kallor, Michael Rose and

19 Cindy Cieslak.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you. We need a

21 motion to approve the agenda.

22 MR. HILL: So moved, Hill.

23 MR. LUCIANO: Second, Sal Luciano.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or

25 raise your hand. I'd say it's unanimous; the ayes have

1 it.

2 New business, we need to go into executive
3 session.

4 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

6 MR. HILL: Second, Hill.

7 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say
8 aye or raise your hand.

9 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
11 have it.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy
13 Cieslak. For the record, can the Trustees confirm that
14 their motion to go into executive session includes an
15 invitation to Yam Menon, Ben Sedrowski, John
16 Herrington, Robert Helfand, Bruce Barth, Virginia
17 McGarrity, Michael Rose, and Cindy Cieslak?

18 MR. LUCIANO: Yes, for purposes of their
19 probable contributions to the discussion.

20 MR. HILL: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Mike Carey, you have a-

24 (The Subcommittee was in executive session
25 from 9:34 a.m. until 10:33 a.m.)

1 (Mr. Carey left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.)

2 (Ms. McGarrity left the meeting at 10:10
3 a.m.)

4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, we need a motion on
5 Item Number 1, the DROP Plan.

6 MR. LUCIANO: Regarding the DROP Plan, I'd
7 make a motion that we recommend to the full Board that
8 the contributions continue during the DROP period.

9 MR. HILL: Second, Hill.

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

13 Item Number 2-

14 MR. BARTH: I think you want to - excuse me,
15 Peter.

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Go ahead.

17 MR. BARTH: I think you want, at the end of
18 that, and recommend adopting the proposed DROP Plan
19 with that change.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Will you adopt that
21 as part of your motion?

22 MR. LUCIANO: I'd consider that a friendly
23 amendment.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, thank you. All
25 right. All in favor, say aye or raise your hand. And

1 opposed, nay. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

2 Okay, we need a motion on Butler, please.

3 MR. LUCIANO: I make a motion to deny with
4 the addition of giving him the declaratory rule
5 denying.

6 MR. HILL: Second, Hill.

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 Number 3, Matherne appeal.

11 MR. LUCIANO: I make a motion to deny the
12 Matherne appeal.

13 MR. HILL: Second, Hill.

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

17 I think that's it.

18 MR. LUCIANO: Yep, that's it.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yep.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy. I
21 wasn't sure if the Trustees wanted to make a
22 recommendation regarding Item 4, Joseph Treusch.

23 MR. LUCIANO: I don't think there needs to be
24 a motion. I just think the Division, if they can go
25 back and explain to him that what happened was that

1 once they found out that his overpayment was reduced
2 significantly, they continued to take the same amount
3 of money out, and this would be the Division offering
4 that individual to take a reduced amount of money for
5 the original time that the Board recommended.

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. Very good. I think
7 we need a motion to adjourn; right?

8 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

9 MR. HILL: Second, Hill.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or
11 raise your hand.

12 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous; the ayes
14 have it.

15 Thank you all very much.

16 (Adjourned at 10:36 a.m.)

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