

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

MAY 8, 2024 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:32 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)
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 8:32 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: This is the meeting of the
6 Legal & Personnel Subcommittee of the State Employees
7 Retirement Commission being held by teleconference
8 using Zoom technology.

9 Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

10 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning. This is Cindy
11 Cieslak. Present today, we have Chairman Peter
12 Adomeit, Trustee Brian Hill, Trustee Michael O'Brien;
13 from the Office of the State Comptroller, Assistant
14 Comptroller and General Counsel Yam Menon; from the
15 Retirement Services Division, Robert Helfand and
16 Benjamin Sedrowski; from Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole,
17 Bruce Barth and Virginia McGarrity; and from Rose
18 Kallor, General Counsel, Michael Rose and Cindy
19 Cieslak.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion to
21 approve the agenda, please.

22 MR. HILL: So moved, Hill.

23 MR. O'BRIEN: Second, Mike O'Brien.

24 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or
25 raise your hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

1 New business, we need a motion to go into
2 executive session, please.

3 MR. HILL: So moved, Hill.

4 MR. O'BRIEN: Second, Mike O'Brien.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: And who does that include,
6 Cindy?

7 MS. CIESLAK: I believe it will include Yam
8 Menon, Robert Helfand, Ben Sedrowski, Bruce Barth,
9 Virginia McGarrity, Michael Rose, and Cindy Cieslak.

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, thank you. You may
11 turn off the recording then, I guess.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, can you call the
13 motion?

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Oh, I'm sorry. Sure.
15 Thank you. I'm getting ahead of myself.

16 All in favor, say aye or raise your hand.

17 MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your
19 hand. The ayes have it.

20 (The Subcommittee was in executive session
21 from 8:33 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. Michael Carey joined
22 the meeting at 8:43 a.m.)

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: We need a motion, please,
24 on Christina Darling.

25 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.

1 On the Darling matter, I move that the Subcommittee
2 recommend that the full Commission grant the request
3 for reconsideration for Ms. Darling to convert from ARP
4 to SERS.

5 MR. O'BRIEN: Second, Mike O'Brien.

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

9 We need a motion, please, on the Jubrey -
10 Jubrey.

11 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
12 On the Jubrey matter, I move that the Subcommittee
13 recommend that the full Commission remand the matter to
14 the MEB for review, in particular, to address the
15 matter of the Social Security Administration's decision
16 in Ms. Jubrey's case.

17 MR. O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, second.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye,
19 raise your hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have it.

20 Okay, the Jeffrey Scott.

21 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
22 I move that the Subcommittee recommend to the full
23 Commission that they schedule an appearance for Mr.
24 Scott to appear before the Commission to address his
25 request for tolling of the time limit for application

1 for disability retirement.

2 MR. O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, second.

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say
4 aye or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have
5 it.

6 Okay, the Joseph Sandrowski.

7 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Carey.
8 In the Sandrowski matter, I move that the Subcommittee
9 recommend that the full Commission deny Mr.
10 Sandrowski's request for reconsideration.

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

12 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say
13 aye or raise your hand. It's unanimous; the ayes have
14 it.

15 Okay. That concludes the agenda. We need a
16 motion to adjourn, please.

17 MR. CAREY: This is Mike Carey. So moved.

18 MR. O'BRIEN: I'll second that as well, Mike
19 O'Brien.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say
21 aye or raise your hand. It's fairly unanimous; the
22 ayes have it.

23 Thank you all very much.

24 MR. CAREY: Thank you all.

25 (Adjourned at 9:22 a.m.)

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