

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

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DECEMBER 13, 2023 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 8:36 a.m.

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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 8:36 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. This is the

6 December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting of the Legal & Personnel

7 Subcommittee of the Connecticut State Employees

8 Retirement Commission being held remotely.

9 Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

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

11 Cindy Cieslak. Present today, we have Chairman Peter

12 Adomeit, Trustee Michael Carey, Trustee Brian Hill,

13 Trustee Sal Luciano, Trustee Michael O'Brien. From the

14 Retirement Services Division, Division Director John

15 Herrington, Robert Helfand, and Ben Sedrowski. We have

16 Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel Yam Menon.

17 From Robinson & Cole Tax Counsel, we have Bruce Barth

18 and Virginia McGarrity. And from Rose Kallor, General

19 Counsel, we have Mike Rose and Cindy Cieslak.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. So we are now

21 operational and recording. Motion to approve the

22 agenda, please?

23 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

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

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or

1 raise your hand.

2 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

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

5 New business, we need a motion to go into  
6 executive session, please.

7 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, with the usual people  
8 invited that contribute to the-

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: That name was Sal Luciano.

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

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

13 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay or raise your  
15 hand. The ayes have it.

16 Cindy?

17 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Those  
18 who were invited into executive session were Yam Menon,  
19 John Herrington, Ben Sedrowski, Bert Helfand, Cindy  
20 Cieslak, Virginia McGarrity, Bruce Barth, and Michael  
21 Rose.

22 (The subcommittee was in executive session  
23 from 8:38 a.m. until 9:27 a.m.)

24 MR. LUCIANO: This is Sal Luciano and I'd  
25 like to make a motion that Chris Darling - that the

1 Chris Darling matter be tabled until next month.

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

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

5 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. Unanimous; the ayes  
6 have it.

7 MR. LUCIANO: And I'd like to make a motion  
8 regarding the Ahlquist case that we recommend to the  
9 full commission that we deny his ability to buy his  
10 military time - well, actually, what precluded from  
11 allowing him to buy military time, because he already  
12 bought it from Hartford Police Department, and we also  
13 deny his request to go to the MEB for the third time.

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

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Is there any discussion?  
16 Hearing none, all in favor, say aye or raise your hand.  
17 Opposed, nay or raise your hand. Unanimous; the ayes  
18 have it.

19 Okay. We're down to the last item,  
20 adjournment. (Inaudible) old business.

21 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman?

22 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah, go ahead.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy  
24 Cieslak. I believe there was going to be a motion on  
25 Mr. Kelso as well.

1 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Oh. I did not write down-

2 MS. CIESLAK: To-

3 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Go ahead.

4 MS. CIESLAK: To direct the division to  
5 schedule his appearance before the commission on  
6 reconsideration.

7 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Oh, I see. Thank you.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Thank you, Cindy.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah.

10 MR. LUCIANO: Yeah, so moved, Sal Luciano.

11 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Thank you, Sal.

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

13 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All right.

14 MR. O'BRIEN: I have a quick question  
15 (inaudible).

16 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or  
17 raise your hand.

18 MR. O'BRIEN: Peter, I have a quick question.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Sure. Mike.

20 MR. O'BRIEN: Is that before the full -  
21 hearing before the full commission, or before this  
22 subcommittee?

23 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak.  
24 Typically, it's before the full commission.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All set for the

1 motion? 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: Because of the timing, this  
5 will likely be the January board meeting?

6 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yes, it would have to be.

7 MR. LUCIANO: Okay. Motion to adjourn, Sal  
8 Luciano.

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

10 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or  
11 raise your hand. Opposed, nay or raise your hand. The  
12 ayes have it.

13 We'll see you next week.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you.

15 MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you, everyone. See you  
16 next week.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: See you next week.  
18 Bye, everyone.

19 MR. CAREY: Auf Wiedersehen.

20 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Auf Wiedersehen.

21 MR. O'BRIEN: Yeah, John.

22 (Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.)

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