

STATE EMPLOYEES
RETIREMENT COMMISSION

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the "Commission") was held on May 16, 2024. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were 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 were:

- 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
- Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson & Cole
- Yamuna Menon, General Counsel & Assistant Comptroller
- Ben Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Call to Order

Chairman Adomeit called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.

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At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to amend the agenda to add the following items as Items 20-22.

- Request Commission Acceptance of GASB 67 Statement Report for the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Prepared as of June 30, 2023.
- Request Commission Acceptance of GASB 68 Statement Report for the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Prepared as of June 30, 2023.
- Request Commission Acceptance of Connecticut Probate Judges and Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of December 31, 2023.

All voted in favor.

New Matters

1. Request Commission Approval of SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from April 2024.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from April 2024.
2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for April 2024.
3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for April 2024.
4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for April 2024.
 - ii. Mr. Poulin abstained.
 - iii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.

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- iv. The Commission voted unanimously in favor, with Mr. Poulin abstaining, to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for April 2024.
5. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for April 2024.
 - ii. Mr. Ryor abstained.
 - iii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iv. The Commission voted unanimously in favor, with Mr. Ryor abstaining, to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for April 2024.
6. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matters services for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matters services for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matters services for April 2024.
7. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for April 2024.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for April 2024.
9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.



- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for April 2024.
10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for April 2024.
 11. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements from April 2024.
 - i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System retroactive retirements from April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System retroactive retirements from April 2024.
 12. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Municipal Employees Retirements for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Municipal Employees Retirements for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Municipal Employees Retirements for April 2024.
 13. Request Commission Approval of the Municipal Employees Retirement System Tabled/Denied Disability Retirements from the Medical Examining Board from April 2024.
 - i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System Tabled/Denied Disability Retirements from the Medical Examining Board from April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System Tabled/Denied Disability Retirements from the Medical Examining Board from April 2024.
 14. Request Commission Approval of the Municipal Employees Retirement System approved Disability Retirements from the Medical Examining Board from April 2024.
 - i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System Approved Disability Retirements from the Medical Examining Board from April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.



- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System Approved Disability Retirements from the Medical Examining Board from April 2024.
15. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the Continued Entitlement Approvals from April 2024.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the Continued Entitlement Approvals from April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the Continued Entitlement Approvals from April 2024.
16. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials from April 2024.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials from April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials from April 2024.
17. Request Commission Approval of the RSD to Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the RSD to discontinue disability applications due to the 1-Year limitation period for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the RSD to discontinue disability applications due to the 1-Year limitation period for April 2024.
18. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for April 2024.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for April 2024.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for April 2024.
19. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendation from the Regulations and Overpayment Subcommittee Meeting held on April 24, 2024.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the recommendation from the Regulations and Overpayment Subcommittee meeting held on April 24, 2024.



- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the recommendation from the Regulations and Overpayment Subcommittee meeting held on April 24, 2024.
20. Request Commission Acceptance of the GASB 67 Statement Report for the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Prepared as of June 30, 2023.
- i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept the GASB 67 Statement Report for the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Prepared as of June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the GASB 67 Statement Report for the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Prepared as of June 30, 2023.
21. Request Commission Acceptance of the GASB 68 Statement Report for the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Prepared as of June 30, 2023.
- i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept the GASB 68 Statement Report for the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Prepared as of June 30, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the GASB 68 Statement Report for the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System Prepared as of June 30, 2023.
22. Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut Probate Judges and Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of December 31, 2023.
- i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to accept the Connecticut Probate Judges and Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of December 31, 2023.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Connecticut Probate Judges and Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of December 31, 2023.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

1. Christina Darling request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
2. Janet Jubrey appeal – written legal opinion.
3. Jeffrey Scott appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Joseph Sandrowski request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
5. Linda Cicarella v. SERC – pending litigation.
6. SERC v. Town of Ellington – pending litigation.

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At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-6. Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, and Ben Sedrowski were invited by the Commission to stay for executive session on Items 1-6. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session to discuss Items 1-6.

At 9:45 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to exit executive session. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Commission voted unanimously to exit executive session.

Public Session

At 9:46 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to grant the reconsideration request of Ms. Darling to transfer from ARP to SERS. All voted in favor.

At 9:46 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to remand Ms. Jubrey's matter to the MEB for review and to specifically address the social security insurance issue. All voted in favor.

At 9:46 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to table Mr. Scott's appeal pending further information. All voted in favor.

At 9:47 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Mr. Sandrowski's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Prepared by John Herrington
Director Retirement Services Division