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MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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Meeting of the Subcommittee on Purchase of Service and Related Matters

DATE: November 6, 2024

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
Trustee Carl Chisem
Trustee John Dissette
Trustee David Krayeski
Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)
John Herrington, Division Director, Retirement Services Division
Patricia Meskers, Assistant Division Director, Retirement Services Division
Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division
Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson & Cole

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 09:06 a.m.

At 09:07 a.m.; John Dissette moved, seconded by Michael Carey to amend the meeting agenda to remove Frankie Cuevas and Michael Legace. All voted in favor.

At 09:07 a.m.; John Dissette moved, seconded by Michael Carey to approve the meeting agenda as amended. All voted in favor.

At 09:17 a.m.; David Krayeski moved, seconded by Michael Carey that regarding Jared Barbero; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny his request that the Retirement Commission honor his application to purchase prior military service past the one-year deadline associated with such purchase. All voted in favor.

At 09:21 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by John Dissette that regarding Jeffrey Ford; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny his request that the Retirement Commission honor his application to purchase prior military service past the one-year deadline associated with such purchase. All voted in favor.

At 09:28 a.m.; Michael Carey moved that regarding Daphne Gooden; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny her request for retroactive retirement benefits in accordance with her election to exhaust only sick leave accruals while awaiting Medical Examining Board determination.

At 09:33 a.m.; David Krayeski seconded Michael Carey's motion regarding Daphne Gooden.

At 09:43 a.m.; Michael Carey and David Krayeski withdrew the prior motion and second regarding Daphne Gooden.

At 09:43 a.m.; Carl Chism moved, seconded by David Krayeski that regarding Daphne Gooden; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it table her request for retroactive retirement benefits in accordance with her election to exhaust only sick leave accruals while awaiting Medical Examining Board determination. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 09:48 a.m.; John Dissette moved, seconded by David Krayeski that regarding Tiffanie Itsou; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny her request that the Commission permit a new retirement plan election to the State Employees Retirement System Tier IV. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 10:07 a.m.; David Krayeski moved, seconded by Carl Chisem that regarding Typhanie Jackson; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it table her request that the Commission permit a new retirement plan election to the Connecticut Teachers Retirement System. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 10:13 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by John Dissette that regarding Daniel Stefanski; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny his request that the Commission permit a new retirement plan election to the Connecticut Teachers Retirement System. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 10:16 a.m.; John Dissette moved, seconded by Michael Carey to amend the meeting agenda to add an Executive Session discussion and possible action regarding Kimberlie Speight's request. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

Executive Session

At 10:16 a.m.; John Dissette moved, seconded by Michael Carey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Kimberlie Speight's request. Cindy Cieslak, John Herrington, Patricia Meskers, Virginia McGarrity, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. All voted in favor.

At 10:37 a.m.; John Dissette moved, seconded by Michael Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 10:53 a.m.; David Krayeski moved, that regarding Gary Soules; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny his request to purchase his prior military service in CMERS past the one-year deadline associated with such purchase due to his appeal being untimely.

At 10:54 a.m.; Michael Carey seconded David Krayeski's motion regarding Gary Soules with amendment that the Subcommittee recommend denial due to untimeliness and that Mr. Soules failed to make the purchase while employed as consistent with current practice.

At 10:54 a.m.; David Krayeski accepted Michael Carey's amendment. Hearing no more discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 10:56 a.m.; John Dissette moved, seconded by Carl Chism that regarding Kimberlie Speight; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it table her request to return to the Teacher's Retirement System. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

MEETING ADJOURNED: As there was no further business to be addressed, at 10:56 a.m. Michael Carey moved, seconded by Carl Chisem to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Benjamin Sedrowski