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Meeting of the Legal & Personnel Subcommittee of the State Employees Retirement Commission

DATE: June 11, 2024

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

At 8:33 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to Table Item 2 – Conn. Gen. Stat. § 27-103(a)(4) interpretation – written legal opinion. All voted in favor.

At 8:35 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to add as Item 7, Town of Redding – CMERS participation – written legal opinion, and add as Item 8, Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending litigation. All voted in favor.

Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Jeffrey Scott appeal - written legal opinion.
2. ~~Conn. Gen. Stat. § 27-103(a)(4) interpretation – written legal opinion.~~
3. William Kenney petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
4. Lisa Jones appeal – written legal opinion.
5. Margie Soto appeal – written legal opinion.
6. SERC v. Town of Ellington – pending litigation.
7. Town of Redding – CMERS participation – written legal opinion.

8. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 8:36 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1 and 3-8. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, Virginia McGarrity, Yam Menon, Michael Rose, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items 1 and 3-8 because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. All voted in favor.

At 9:26 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:27 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Mr. Scott's appeal. All voted in favor.

At 9:27 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission remand Mr. Kenney's application to the MEB, particularly to address the purported physical demands of the job and the social security determination. All voted in favor.

At 9:28 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Ms. Jones's appeal. All voted in favor.

At 9:28 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Ms. Soto's appeal. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:29 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey