



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

DATE: January 8, 2025

PRESENT:

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

At 8:34 a.m., Mr Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to amend the agenda to table the matters of Susan Martin and Jeffrey Scott to the next meeting. All voted in favor.

At 8:34 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Susan Martin appeal – written legal opinion.
2. Michael Vogt appeal - written legal opinion.
3. Lisa Cloud appeal - written legal opinion.
4. William Pagoni appeal - written legal opinion.
5. Jeffrey Scott request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
6. Patrick Butler v. SERC - pending litigation.
7. SERC v. Town of Ellington - pending litigation.

At 8:35 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 2-4 and 6-7. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, Michael Rose, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items 2-4 and 6-7 because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. All voted in favor.

At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Mr. Vogt's appeal based on the decision by the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Ms. Cloud's appeal. All voted in favor.

At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Mr. Pagoni's appeal based on the decision by the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:13 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey