

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

LEGAL & PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: May 7, 2025

HELD VIA ZOOM

CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

Present (Via Zoom):

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Tax Counsel Virginia McGarrity (Robinson & Cole LLP)

Commission Tax Counsel Bruce Barth (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

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2 (Proceedings commenced at 8:33 a.m.)  
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4 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: This is a State Employees  
5 Retirement Commission Legal and Personnel Subcommittee Meeting  
6 using Zoom technology. Cindy, do you have the attendance,  
7 please?

8 ATTORNEY CIESLAK: Good morning, this is Cindy  
9 Cieslak. Present today we have Chairman Peter Adomeit, Trustee  
10 Michael Carey, Trustee Brian Hill, Trustee Sal Luciano.

11 From the Office of the State Comptroller, Assistant  
12 Comptroller and General Counsel, Yam Menon.

13 From the Retirement Services Division, Robert Helfand  
14 and Ben Sedrowski.

15 From tax counsel, Robinson and Cole, Bruce Barth and  
16 Virginia McGarrity, and I'm Cindy Cieslak, general counsel from  
17 Rose Kallor.

18 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion, please, to  
19 approve the agenda.

20 MR. LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

21 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

22 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say aye or  
23 raise your hand.

24 MR. CAREY: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's unanimous, the ayes have it.

1           New Business.   Executive Session.   We need a motion to  
2 go into Executive Session, please.

3           MR. LUCIANO:   Sal Luciano, so moved.

4           MR. CAREY:   Carey, second.

5           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   Okay.   All in favor, say aye or  
6 raise your hand.   It's unanimous, the ayes have it.

7           ATTORNEY CIESLAK:   This is Cindy Cieslak.   John  
8 Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director has joined us.  
9 Can the Trustees confirm that their motion to go into Executive  
10 Session includes an invitation to Yam Menon, John Herrington,  
11 Robert Helfand, Ben Sedrowski, Bruce Barth, Virginia McGarrity  
12 and Cindy Cieslak because they might have opinions and factual  
13 information which will be important to the discussion.

14          MR. LUCIANO:   Yes.

15          ATTORNEY CIESLAK:   Thank you.

16          CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   Understood.

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18          (Executive Session from 8:34 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.)  
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20          CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   Okay.   We'll need a motion on Kevin  
21 Ahlquist.

22          MR. LUCIANO:   Regarding Mr. Ahlquist, I'd like to make  
23 a motion that we recommend to the Trustees that we go to the MEB  
24 for the third time with Mr. Ahlquist.

25          MR. CAREY:   Carey, second.

1           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: And any discussion? Hearing none,  
2 all in favor, say aye or raise your hand, opposed nay or raise  
3 your hand. It's unanimous, the ayes have it. Bowman.

4           MR. LUCIANO: Regarding Bowman, because it appears to  
5 be a medical issue, I make a motion to recommend to the Trustees  
6 that we deny Bowman to go back to the MEB.

7           MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

8           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none, all  
9 in favor, say aye or raise your hand, opposed nay or raise your  
10 hand. It's unanimous, the ayes have it.

11          Nelson.

12          MR. LUCIANO: I think with Nelson, we make a  
13 recommendation to the Trustees that we remand Nelson back to the  
14 MEB.

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

17          MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, I think we need a second on  
18 that.

19          CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: I'm sorry.

20          MR. CAREY: And I would like to just, if I may,  
21 suggest a slight edit to discuss that -- to indicate that we're  
22 sending it back to the MEB because of the timing of the Social  
23 Security Disability award that Ms. Nelson has received.

24          MR. LUCIANO: I'll accept that as a friendly  
25 amendment.

1           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   Okay.

2           MR. CAREY:   Thank you.

3           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   And now it has been a seconded.

4           MR. CAREY:   It has.

5           CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   I can call the question.   All in  
6   favor, say aye or raise your hand.   Opposed nay or raise your  
7   hand.   It's unanimous, the ayes have it.   Okay.   Pagoni.

8           MR. LUCIANO:   Regarding Mr. Pagoni, I would make the  
9   recommendation or the motion that we recommend to the full  
10   Trustee Board that we provide a declaratory ruling denying his  
11   attempt to go back to the MEB.

12          MR. CAREY:   Carey, second.

13          CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   Any discussion?   Hearing none, all  
14   in favor, say aye or raise your hand, opposed nay or raise your  
15   hand.   It's unanimous, the ayes have it.

16          MR. LUCIANO:   Regarding Mr. Scott, I'd like to make a  
17   motion that we recommend to the full Trustee Board that we  
18   schedule him for a hearing before the full board.

19          MR. CAREY:   Cary, second.

20          CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   Any discussion?   Hearing none, all  
21   in favor, say aye or raise your hand, opposed nay or raise your  
22   hand.   It's unanimous, the ayes have it.

23          MR. LUCIANO:   I believe that concludes our work.

24          CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT:   It does.

25          MR. LUCIANO:   And since that's the case, I'd like to

1 make a motion to adjourn.

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

3 MR. CAREY: And this is Mike Carey, I'm glad to second  
4 that motion.

5 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye.

6 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: It's never opposed, it's always  
8 unanimous. The ayes have it.

9 (Proceeding concluded at 9:14 a.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I certify that this document is a true and accurate description of the proceedings obtained from the recorded meeting of the State of Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission, Legal and Personnel Subcommittee Hearing on May 7, 2025 to the best of my ability.

*Wendy Malitsky*  
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