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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION

LEGAL AND PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: September 10, 2025

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

Present:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

Trustee Michael O'Brien

Commission Counsel Michael 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

Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel

1 (Proceedings commenced at 8:32 a.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay. This is the State

3 Employees' Retirement Commission Legal and Personnel

4 Subcommittee meeting being held remotely using Zoom  
5 technology. I'm Peter Adomeit. Got the attendance,  
6 Cindy?

7 ATTORNEY CIESLAK: Yes. Good morning. This  
8 is Cindy Cieslak. Present today we have Chairman  
9 Peter Adomeit, Trustee Sal Luciano, Trustee Michael  
10 O'Brien, Trustee Michael Carey, Trustee Brian Hill.

11 From Robinson and Cole, Tax Council, Bruce  
12 Barth and Virginia McGarrity.

13 From the office of the State Comptroller,  
14 Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel Yam Menon.

15 From the Retirement Services Division, Benjamin  
16 Sedrowski and Robert Helfand.

17 And from Rose Kallor, General Counsel, Michael  
18 Rose and Cindy Cieslak.

19 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay, we need a motion,  
20 please, to approve the agenda.

21 SAL LUCIANO: So moved, Sal Luciano.

22 MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second.

23 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye or  
24 raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

1                   New Business, please go into Executive Session.

2                   SAL LUCIANO: Motion to go into Executive

3                   Session, Sal Luciano.

4                   MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second.

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

7                   CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: We're starting with Kevin  
8                   Lawlor, right Cindy?

9                   ATTORNEY CIESLAK: Yes. Give me one second.  
10                  The person at 8102, are you --

11                  JOHN HERRINGTON: Yeah. This is John.

12                  ATTORNEY CIESLAK: Oh, good morning, John. So  
13                  we have present John Herrington, Retirement Services  
14                  Division Director.

15                  All right, we're going to go into Executive  
16                  Session.

17                  (Executive Session from 8:33 a.m. until 9:29  
18                  a.m.)

19                  ATTORNEY CIESLAK: All right. This is Cindy  
20                  Cieslak. I will note for the record that when we  
21                  went into Executive Session, the Trustees invited in  
22                  Yam Menon, Ben Sedrowski, Robert Helfand, John  
23                  Herrington and Michael Rose for discussion on items  
24                  1 through 9 because they might have information

1 related to giving a recommendation.

2 And then the trustees also invited in Bruce  
3 Barth for all of the Items, and Virginia McGarrity  
4 for discussion on Kevin Lawlor, Item number three,  
5 because they might have information or opinions  
6 related to making a determination on the matter.

7 SAL LUCIANO: As the maker of the original  
8 motion, I agree.

9 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Okay.

10 SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Kevin Lawlor, I'd like  
11 to make a recommendation -- I'd like to make a  
12 motion that we make a recommendation to the full  
13 Board to deny his appeal.

14 MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second.

15 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing  
16 none, all in favor say aye or raise your hand.  
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Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous.

18 The ayes have it.

19 SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Pagoni, I'd like to  
20 make a motion that we make a recommendation to the  
21 entire Board that we deny his request.

22 MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second.

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

Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous.  
The ayes have it.

SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Laprise, I'd like to make a motion that we recommend to the entire Board that we issue a Declaratory Ruling denying the remand.

**MICHAEL CAREY:** Carey, second.

CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

**SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Mary Hamilton, I**

believe -- I'd like to make a motion that we recommend to the entire Board that we send it back to the MEB.

**MICHAEL CAREY:** Carey, second.

CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Marone, I'd like to make a motion that we recommend to the entire Board that we deny the request for the reconsideration.

**MICHAEL CAREY:** Carey, second.

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

3                   Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous.

4                   The ayes have it.

5                   SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Russell, my notes  
6                   aren't so good, but I think the motion would be to  
7                   recommend that we send this to the Overpayment  
8                   Committee to re-look at it.

9                   MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second on the remand to  
10                   Overpayments.

11                   CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Yeah. This is Warsop now,  
12  
13                   right?

14                   SAL LUCIANO: No.

15                   MICHAEL CAREY: Russell, sir.

16                   CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Russell. I'm ahead of  
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18                   myself. All in favor say aye or raise your hand.

19                   Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous.

20                   The ayes have it.

21                   SAL LUCIANO: And regarding Terry Warsop, I'd  
22                   like to make a motion that we recommend to the  
23                   entire Board that we remand it back to the  
24                   Purchasing Subcommittee.

25                   MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second.

26                   CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing

none, all in favor say aye or raise your hand.  
Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous.

The ayes have it.

SAL LUCIANO: And I think the only thing that we talked about that might be mentioned is regarding Patrick Butler, that we provide all of the information regarding why we made the decision to his attorney.

**MICHAEL CAREY:** Carey, second.

CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye I raise your hand.

SAL LUCIANO: And that would be a recommendation for the full Board.

CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

SAL LUCIANO: I believe a motion to adjourn is in order now, and so I would so move.

MICHAEL CAREY: Agreed. This is Carey, second.

CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye or raise your hand. It's terribly unanimous. The ayes have it.

(Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.)

## **REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is, to the best of my skill and ability, a true and accurate transcript of the State of Connecticut State Employees' Retirement Commission, Legal and Personnel Subcommittee meeting held on September 10, 2025.

Wendy Malitsky

**Wendy Malitsky, Notary Public**

**My Commission Expires March 2030**