

1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT
2 STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION

3 LEGAL AND PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE
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5 DATE: September 10, 2025

6 LOCATION: VIA ZOOM
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8 **Present:**

9 Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

10 Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

11 Trustee Michael Oâ€™Brien

Commission Counsel Michael Rose (Rose Kallor, LLP)

12 Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Tax Counsel Bruce Barth (Robinson & Cole LLP)

13 Commission Tax Counsel Virginia McGarrity (Robinson &

14 Cole LLP)

John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

15 Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division

Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

16 Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel
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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.
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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.

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

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

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

20 ATTORNEY CIESLAK: All right. This is Cindy
21 Cieslak. I will note for the record that when we
22 went into Executive Session, the Trustees invited in
23 Yam Menon, Ben Sedrowski, Robert Helfand, John
24 Herrington and Michael Rose for discussion on items
25 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.
17 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.
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1 Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous.
2 The ayes have it.

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

7 MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second.

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

12 SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Mary Hamilton, I
13 believe -- I'd like to make a motion that we
14 recommend to the entire Board that we send it back
15 to the MEB.

16 MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second.

17 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
18 none, 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: Regarding Marone, I'd like to
22 make a motion that we recommend to the entire Board
23 that we deny the request for the reconsideration.

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

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

5 The ayes have it.

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

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

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

14 SAL LUCIANO: No.

15 MICHAEL CAREY: Russell, sir.

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

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

19 The ayes have it.

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

24 MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second.

25 CHAIRMAN ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing

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

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4 The ayes have it.

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

10 MICHAEL CAREY: Carey, second.

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

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

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

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

19 MICHAEL CAREY: Agreed. This is Carey,
20 second.

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

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

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