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

DATE: October 8, 2025

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Brian Hill

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

At 8:34 a.m., Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to amend the agenda to add Mr. Patton's request for extension of time to the executive session agenda. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Jeffrey Patton request for extension of time – written legal opinion.
2. William Pagoni petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
3. Jeffrey Ford request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
4. Desiree Bowman request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
5. Patrick Butler v. SERC pending litigation/pending claim.
6. Evangelista Contreras v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
7. Roderick Porter v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 8:35 a.m., Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-7. All voted in favor. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Michael Rose, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items 1-7 because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue.

At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to recommend that the Retirement Commission grant Mr. Patton's request for extension of time to December 15, 2025. All voted in favor.

At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. Ford's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Ms. Bowman's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to recommend that the Retirement Commission approve the declaratory ruling as drafted. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:15 a.m., Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hill