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MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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

DATE: May 7, 2025

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

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, Director, Retirement Services Division

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division

Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel

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

At 8:33 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Kevin Ahlquist petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
2. Desiree Bowman appeal – written legal opinion.
3. Sheren Nelson appeal – written legal opinion.
4. William Pagoni petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
5. Jeffrey Scott request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
6. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
7. Roderick Porter v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 8:34 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-7. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, 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. All voted in favor.

At 8:59 a.m., Mr. Helfand exited the meeting.

At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission remand Mr. Ahlquist's application for disability retirement benefits to the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Ms. Bowman's appeal because the appeal involves a medical issue solely within the MEB's purview. All voted in favor.

At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission remand Ms. Nelson's matter to the Medical Examining Board due to the timing of the receipt of the SSDI award. All voted in favor.

At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission provide a declaratory ruling denying Mr. Pagoni's request. All voted in favor.

At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission schedule Mr. Scott for a hearing before the full Retirement Commission.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:14 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey