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

DATE: September 10, 2025

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:32 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. William Pagoni petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
2. Lori Laprise petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
3. Kevin Lawlor appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Mary Hamilton appeal – written legal opinion.
5. Ralph Marone request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
6. Latasha Russell request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
7. Terry Warsop request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
8. Roderick Porter v. SERC – pending litigation.
9. Patrick Butler v. SERC pending litigation/pending claim.

At 8:33 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 1-9. All voted in favor. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Yamuna Menon, Michael Rose, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Items 1-9 because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. Virginia McGarrity was invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session for Item 3 because she may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topic at issue.

At 9:29 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:21 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. Lawlor's appeal. All voted in favor.

At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. Pagoni's request. All voted in favor.

At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission issue a declaratory ruling denying a remand to the MEB. All voted in favor.

At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission grant Ms. Hamilton's appeal and send the disability retirement application to the MEB. All voted in favor.

At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. Marone's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission grant Ms. Russell's request for reconsideration and direct that the Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee review the matter. All voted in favor.

At 9:24 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission grant Ms. Warsop's request for reconsideration and direct that the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee review the matter. All voted in favor.

At 9:24 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission provide Mr. Butler, in advance of his appearance, with information regarding the basis for the Retirement Commission previous decision. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:25 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey