

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the "Commission") was held on April 17, 2025. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were present:

- Peter Adomeit, Chairman
- Michael Bailey, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Brian Hill, Trustee
- David Krayeski, Trustee
- Sal Luciano, Trustee
- Karen Nolen, Trustee
- Michael O'Brien, Trustee
- Claude Poulin, Trustee
- Angel Quiros, Trustee
- Timothy Ryor, Trustee
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee
- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- David Krayeski, Trustee

Absent was:

• Michael Carey, Trustee

Also present were:

- Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
- Michael J. Rose, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- Robert Helfand, Assistant Director, Retirement Services Division
- John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
- Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
- Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel
- Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division



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Call to Order

Chairman Adomeit called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mr. Rose identified those in attendance.

Division Director's Report

At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Herrington provided the Division Director's Report.

Division Director Report (4/17/2025)

I. <u>SERS Disability Retirements</u>:

- A. Pending Disability Applications for Initial Review by the Medical Examining Board (MEB): Currently the Disability Retirement Unit is scheduling into July 2025.
 - There are 12 New Applications received for April 2025.
 - o There are 92 initial Disability Retirement applications pending of which:
 - 3 Applications are awaiting review and scheduling by Unit.
 - 11 Tabled cases have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
 - 6 Reconsideration cases to be scheduled in 2026 and have not provided updated medical documentation.
 - 72 Applications are scheduled for upcoming MEB meetings.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2024	76	79	74	75	75	94*	97*	87*	85*	79*	87*	83*
2025	83*	85*	94*	92*								

^{*}Going forward, we will be including tabled and reconsideration cases in the total pending count.

B. Twenty-Four Month Reviews: Currently the Disability Retirement Unit is scheduling retirees for review no later than 24-months from the date of retirement. The next 24-month review meeting is May 21, 2025.



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- 77 Cases are already scheduled.
- 1 Tabled case have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
- 1 Reconsideration case has not provided updated medical documentation.
- 80 cases are not at date for 24-months after date of retirement.
- **C. Investigations:** The Disability Retirement Unit scheduled 0 investigation cases.

II. **Normal SERS Retirements:**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
2025	162	129	104	115									510
2024	111	87	98	96	83	125	121	136	132	111	103	91	1294
Historical Average	179	153	129	255	128	205	262	177	180	248	116	98	2,130

New Matters

- 1. Request Commission Approval of SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the March 2025 meeting.
 - At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the SERC minutes i. w/ Director's Report from the March 2025 meeting.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors iii. Report from the March 2025 meeting.
- 2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS expenses for March 2025.
 - At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut SERS expenses for March 2025.
 - Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. ii.
- The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve Connecticut SERS expenses for iii. March 2025.



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- 3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for March 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for March 2025.
- 4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for March 2025.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor, with Mr. Poulin abstaining, to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for March 2025.
- 5. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for March 2025.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor, with Mr. Ryor abstaining, to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for March 2025.
- 6. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor Executive Session for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor Executive Session for March 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor Executive Session for March 2025.
- 7. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for March 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.



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- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for March 2025.
- 8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for March 2025.
 - At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for March 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for March 2025.
- 9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for March 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for March 2025.
- 10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for March 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Chairman called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for March 2025.
- 11. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for March 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Chairman called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for March 2025.
- 12. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for March 2025.



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- i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for March 2025.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, the Chairman called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for March 2025.
- 13. Request Commission Approval of the RSD to Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve that RSD Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for March 2025.
- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve that RSD Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for March 2025.
- 14. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for March 2025.
 - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for March 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for March 2025.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

- 1. Patrick Butler v. SERC pending litigation.
- 2. Roderick Porter v. SERC pending litigation.

At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-2. Bruce Barth, Michael Rose, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Commission to stay for executive session on Items 1-2 because they may have or give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session to discuss Items 1-2.

At 9:49 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to exit executive session. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Commission voted unanimously to exit executive session.



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Public Session

No further Motions were made.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:							
Peter Adomeit, Chairman							
Prepared by John Herrington Director Retirement Services Division							