



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

DATE: November 12, 2025

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

Trustee Michael O'Brien

Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, 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 8:31 a.m. Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

At 8:33 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to amend the agenda to table Item 1 until next month. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Lori LaPrise petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
2. Paul Cicarella appeal – written legal opinion.
3. Joseph Etim appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Jeffrey Scott 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 8:34 a.m., Mr. Luciano 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. Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, 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 9:06 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. Cicarella's request and that his matter proceed to the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission table Mr. Etim's appeal. All voted in favor.

At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. Scott's request regarding disability retirement. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:08 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey