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for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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

DATE: June 11, 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, Director, Retirement Services Division
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. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Jeffrey Ford request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
2. Eddie Rivera appeal – written legal opinion.
3. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
4. 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 1-4. 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. All voted in favor.

At 8:48 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 8:48 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to contact Mr. Ford's attorney regarding the email to the Retirement Services Division referenced in Mr. Ford's affidavit. All voted in favor.

At 8:49 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. Rivera's appeal because SERC cannot supersede the Medical Examining Board's medical decision. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 8:50 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey