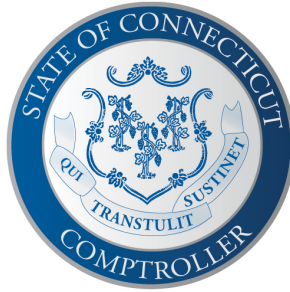


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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the “Commission”) was held on March 20, 2025. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were present:

- Peter Adomeit, Chairman
- Michael Bailey, Trustee
- Michael Carey, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Brian Hill, Trustee
- David Krayski, Trustee
- Sal Luciano, Trustee
- Karen Nolen, Trustee
- Michael O’Brien, Trustee
- Claude Poulin, Trustee
- Angel Quiros, Trustee
- Timothy Ryor, Trustee
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee
- Ted Wright, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the Treasurer, Ex Officio Member

Absent were:

- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- David Krayski, Trustee

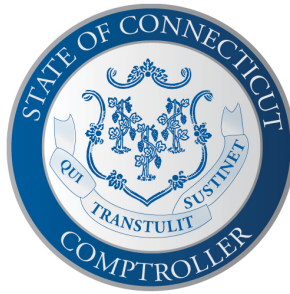
Also present were:

- Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
- Cindy Cieslak, 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
- Michael Rose, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

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Call to Order

Chairman Adomeit called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.

At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to amend the agenda to add the following as Items 14 and 15:

- Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System GASB Statement No. 67 Report Prepared as of June 30, 2024.
- Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System GASB Statement No. 68 Report Prepared as of June 30, 2024.

All voted in favor.

At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to amend the agenda to add the following as Item 13: Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations Made by the Investment Subcommittee at its March 4, 2025 Meeting Regarding Changes in Bond Fund Allocations and Fund Expense Ratios. All voted in favor.

At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to amend the agenda to add the following as Item 16: Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for February 2025. All voted in favor.

Division Director's Report

At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Herrington provided the Division Director's Report.

I. SERS Disability Retirements:

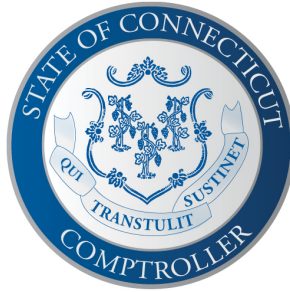
A. Pending Disability Applications for the Initial Review by the Medical Examining Board: Currently the Disability Retirement Unit is scheduling into December 2025.

- There are 18 New Applications Received for March 2025.
 - There are 94 initial Disability Retirement Applications pending of which:
 - 75 Applications are Scheduled
 - 5 Applications are Awaiting Review and Scheduling by Unit
 - 9 Tabled Cases Pending Due Date
 - 5 Reconsideration Cases Pending Due Date

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	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*									

*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 into September 2025.

- 71 Cases are Scheduled
- 1 Tabled Cases Pending Due Date
- 1 Reconsideration Cases Pending Due Date
- 72 Cases are Awaiting Due Date for 24-Month Review

II. Normal SERS Retirements:

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
2025	162	129	104										395
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 February 2025 meeting.
 - i. At 9:15 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the February 2025 meeting.
 - 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 SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the February 2025 meeting.

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2. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:15 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for February 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 February 2025.

3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:16 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for February 2025.
 - ii. Mr. Poulin abstained.
 - iii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iv. 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 February 2025.

4. Request Commission Acceptance of the SERS Invoices from Rose Kallor for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to accept the SERS invoices from Rose Kallor for February 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 SERS invoices from Rose Kallor for February 2025.

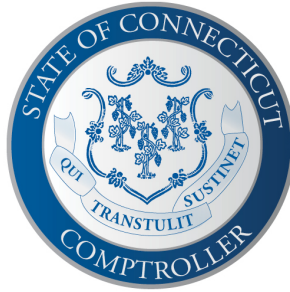
5. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for February 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked 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 Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for February 2025.

6. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for February 2025.

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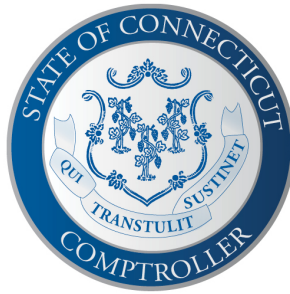
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- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for February 2025.
7. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for February 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 February 2025.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for February 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 February 2025.
9. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for SERS Continued Entitlement Approvals February 2025.
 - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for SERS Continued Entitlement Approvals February 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 Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for SERS Continued Entitlement Approvals February 2025.
10. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for SERS Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials February 2025.
 - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for SERS Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials February 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 Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for SERS Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials February 2025.

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11. Request Commission Approval of the RSD to Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:18 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve that RSD Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for February 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 February 2025.

12. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:18 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for February 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 February 2025.

13. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations Made by the Investment Subcommittee at its March 4, 2025 Meeting Regarding Changes in Bond Fund Allocations and Fund Expense Ratios.
 - i. At 9:19 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve the recommendations from the Investment Subcommittee at its March 4, 2025 Meeting Regarding Changes in Bond Fund Allocations and Fund Expense Ratios.
 - 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 recommendations from the Investment Subcommittee at its March 4, 2025 Meeting Regarding Changes in Bond Fund Allocations and Fund Expense Ratios.

14. Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System GASB Statement No. 67 Report Prepared as of June 30, 2024.
 - i. At 9:19 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to accept the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System GASB Statement No. 67 Report Prepared as of June 30, 2024.
 - 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 Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System GASB Statement No. 67 Report Prepared as of June 30, 2024.

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15. Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System GASB Statement No. 68 Report Prepared as of June 30, 2024.
 - i. At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to accept the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System GASB Statement No. 68 Report Prepared as of June 30, 2024.
 - 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 Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners' Retirement System GASB Statement No. 68 Report Prepared as of June 30, 2024.

16. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for February 2025.
 - i. At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for February 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 Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for February 2025.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

1. Tiffanie Itsou request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
2. Jacqueline Lawrence request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
3. Patrick Butler v. SERC - pending litigation.
4. Roderick Porter v. SERC – pending litigation.

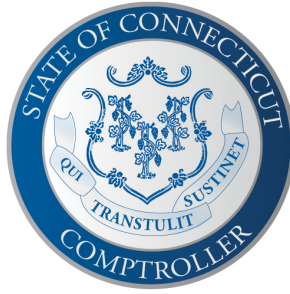
At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-4. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, Michael Rose, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Commission to stay for executive session on Items 1-4 because they may 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 1-4.

At 9:56 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski 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

At 9:57 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Ms. Itsou's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

At 9:57 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Ms. Lawrence's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Krayeski to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Prepared by John Herrington
Director Retirement Services Division