## STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION



MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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### Meeting of the Subcommittee on Purchase of Service and Related Matters

DATE: January 23, 2025

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
Trustee Carl Chisem
Trustee John Disette
Trustee David Krayeski
Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor, LLP
John Herrington, Division Director, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Assistant Division Director, Retirement Services Division
Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division
Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson & Cole

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

At 10:04 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by Carl Chism to amend the meeting agenda to remove Kathryn Pepoy. All voted in favor.

At 10:04 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by David Krayeski to approve the meeting agenda as amended. All voted in favor.

At 10:13 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by David Krayeski that regarding Sherry Andrews; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it approve her request that the Retirement Commission honor her application to purchase prior military service past the one-year deadline associated with such purchase due to the specific facts and circumstances of her case. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 10:20 a.m.; the Chairman invited Frankie Cuevas to present his case to the Subcommittee and answer questions posed by the Trustees.

At 10:22 a.m.; Frankie Cuevas presented information to the Subcommittee and answered the Trustees' questions.

At 10:37 a.m.; David Krayeski moved that regarding Frankie Cuevas; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny his request that the Retirement Commission honor his application to purchase prior military service past the one-year deadline associated with such purchase.

At 10:40 a.m.; Michael Carey seconded David Krayeski's motion regarding Frankie Cuevas. Hearing no further discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 10:48 a.m.; David Krayeski moved, seconded by John Disette that regarding Evan Madin; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny his request to permit a new retirement plan election to waive retirement plan membership. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 10:56 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by David Krayeski that regarding Jason Snukis; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny his request that the Retirement Commission honor his application to purchase prior military service past the one-year deadline associated with such purchase.

At 11:03 a.m.; Hearing no further discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 11:11 a.m.; David Krayeski moved, seconded by Michael Carey that regarding Terry Warsop; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it deny her request to retroactively change her retirement type from voluntary to an application for disability retirement. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 11:16 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by John Disette that regarding Daphne Gooden; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it table her request for retroactive retirement benefits in accordance with her election to exhaust only sick leave accruals while awaiting Medical Examining Board determination. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 11:18 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by John Disette that regarding Typhanie Jackson; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it approve her request to permit a new retirement plan election to participate in the Connecticut Teachers Retirement System in accordance with the refund directions approved at the December 19, 2024 SERC meeting. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 11:25 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by Carl Chism that regarding Michael Richards; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it approve his request that the Retirement Commission honor his application to purchase prior military service past the one-year deadline associated with such purchase due to the specific facts and circumstances of his case. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

At 11:28 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by John Disette to amend the meeting agenda to add an Executive Session discussion and possible action regarding Kimberlie Speight's request. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

#### **Executive Session**

At 11:28 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by John Disette to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Kimberlie Speight's request. Cindy Cieslak, John Herrington, Robert Helfand, Virginia McGarrity, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Subcommittee to enter executive session because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. All voted in favor.

At 12:14 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by John Disette to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

#### **Public Session**

At 12:15 a.m.; Michael Carey moved, seconded by John Disette that regarding Kimberlie Speight; the Subcommittee recommend to the Retirement Commission that it table her request to return to the Teacher's Retirement System. All voted in favor. Unanimous decision.

MEETING ADJOURNED: As there was no further business to be addressed, at 12:15 a.m. Michael Carey moved, seconded by Carl Chisem to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Sedrowski