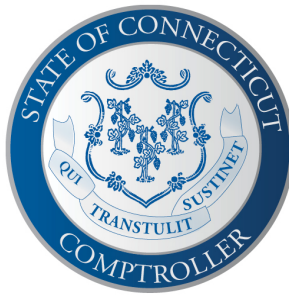


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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the “Commission”) was held on February 20, 2025. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were present:

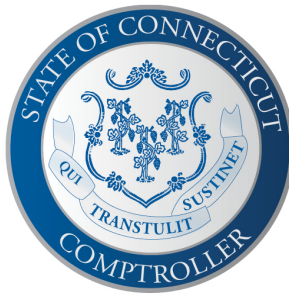
- Peter Adomeit, Chairman
- Michael Bailey, Trustee
- Michael Carey, Trustee
- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Brian Hill, Trustee
- Michael O’Brien, Trustee
- Claude Poulin, Trustee
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee
- Ted Wright, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the Treasurer, Ex Officio Member

Absent were:

- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- David Krayeski, Trustee
- Sal Luciano, Trustee
- Karen Nolen, Trustee
- Angel Quiros, Trustee
- Timothy Ryor, Trustee

Also present were:

- Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- Robert Helfand, Assistant Director, Retirement Services Division
- John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
- Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel
- Michael Rose, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor



Call to Order

Chairman Adomeit called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.

Division Director’s Report

At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Helfand provided the Division Director’s Report.

Division Director Report (2/20/2025)

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 June 2025.

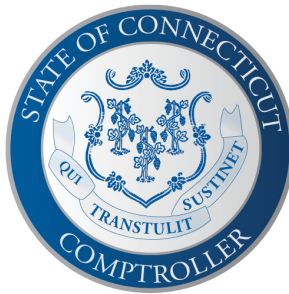
- There are 19 New Applications Received for February 2025.
 - There are 83 initial Disability Retirement Applications pending of which:
 - 60 Applications are Scheduled
 - 1 Applications are Awaiting Review and Scheduling by Unit
 - 8 Tabled Cases Pending Due Date
 - 16 Reconsideration Cases Pending Due Date

	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*										

*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 July 2025.

- 71 Cases are Scheduled
- 3 Tabled Cases Pending Due Date
- 2 Reconsideration Cases Pending Due Date
- 94 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											291
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 January 2025 meeting.
 - i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the January 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 January 2025 meeting.

2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for January 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 SERS Expenses for January 2025.

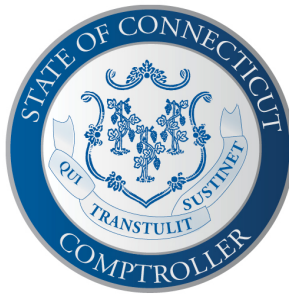
3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for January 2025.
 - ii. Chairman asked 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 January 2025.

4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for January 2025.

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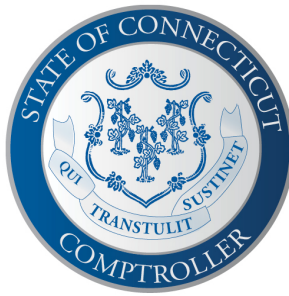
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- i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for January 2025.
 - ii. Mr. Poulin abstained.
 - iii. Chairman 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 January 2025.
5. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for January 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 Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for January 2025.
6. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for January 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 for January 2025.
7. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for January 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 January 2025.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for January 2025.

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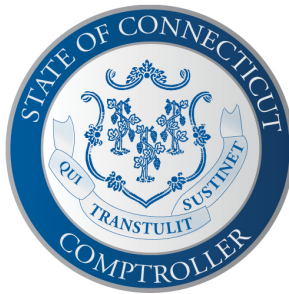
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- ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for January 2025.
9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for January 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 January 2025.
10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for January 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 January 2025.
11. Request Commission Approval of the RSD to Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve that RSD Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for January 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 January 2025.
12. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for January 2025.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for January 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 January 2025.

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13. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on January 23, 2025.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on January 23, 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 recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on January 23, 2025.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

1. Evelyn Silva request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
2. Susan Martin appeal – written legal opinion.
3. Patrick Butler v. SERC - pending litigation.
4. SERC v. Town of Ellington – pending litigation.
5. Roderick Porter v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-4. Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Yamuna Menon, and Michael Rose 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 9:36 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey 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.

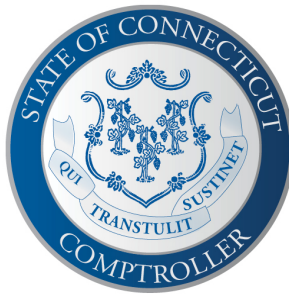
At 9:36 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to amend the Executive Session agenda to include as Item 5: Roderick Porter v. SERC – pending litigation. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Commission voted unanimously to amend the Executive Session agenda to include Item 5: Roderick Porter v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 9:37 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Item 5. Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Yamuna Menon, and Michael Rose were invited by the Commission to stay for executive session on Item 5 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 Item 5.

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At 9:41 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey 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.

Public Session

At 9:41 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the request of Ms. Silva to process her grandfathering application, with the cost to be calculated at full present day actuarial value. All voted in favor.

At 9:42 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Ms. Martin's request based on the specific fact patter in her appeal. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Prepared by John Herrington
Director Retirement Services Division