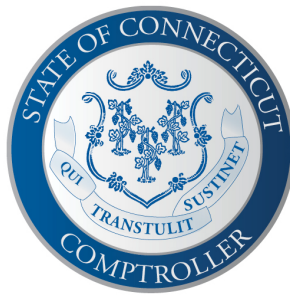


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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the “Commission”) was held on July 17, 2025. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were present:

- Peter Adomeit, Chairman
- Michael Bailey, Trustee
- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- Brian Hill, Trustee
- David Krayeski, Trustee
- Sal Luciano, Trustee
- Karen Nolen, Trustee
- Michael O’Brien, Trustee
- Claude Poulin, Trustee
- Ted Wright, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the Treasurer, Ex Officio Member

Absent were:

- Michael Carey, Trustee
- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Angel Quiros, Trustee
- Timothy Ryor, Trustee
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee

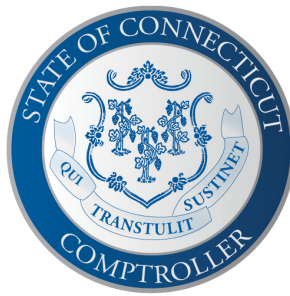
Also present were:

- 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 & 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 9:03 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.

## Division Director's Report

At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Herrington provided the Division Director's Report.

### **Division Director Report (7/17/2025)**

#### **I. SERS Disability Retirements:**

##### **A. Pending Disability Applications for Initial Review by the Medical Examining Board (MEB):** Currently the Disability Retirement Unit is scheduling into October 2025.

- There are 14 New Applications received for July 2025.
  - There are 89 initial Disability Retirement applications pending of which:
    - 1 Applications are awaiting review and scheduling by Unit.
    - 16 Tabled cases have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
    - 12 Reconsideration cases to be scheduled in 2026 and have not provided updated medical documentation.
    - 60 Applications are scheduled for upcoming MEB meetings.

	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*	92*	90*	88*	89*					

\*Tabled and reconsideration cases are included in the total pending count.

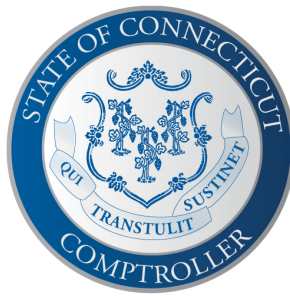
##### **B. Twenty-Four Month Reviews:** The next 24-month review meeting is September 17, 2025.

- 28 Cases are already scheduled.
- 1 Tabled case have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
- 3 Reconsideration case has not provided updated medical documentation.
- 100 cases are awaiting the due date for scheduling.

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**II. Normal SERS Retirements:**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
2025	162	129	104	115	110	129	186						935
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

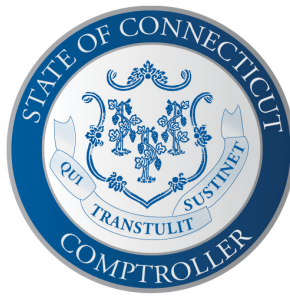
**New Matters**

1. Request Commission Approval of SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the June 2025 meeting.
  - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the June 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 June 2025 meeting.
2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for June 2025.
  - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for June 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 June 2025.
3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for June 2025.
  - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for June 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 June 2025.
4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for June 2025.

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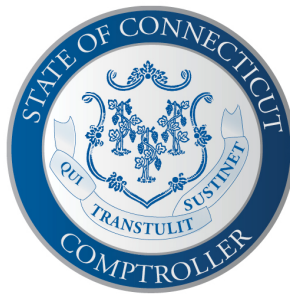
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- i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for June 2025.
  - ii. Mr. Poulin abstained.
  - iii. Chairman 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 June 2025.
5. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for June 2025.
  - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for June 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 June 2025.
6. Request Commission Acceptance of Invoices from Rose Kallor for June 2025.
  - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for June 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 June 2025.
7. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for June 2025.
  - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for June 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 June 2025.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for June 2025.
  - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for June 2025.

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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 June 2025.
9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for June 2025.
- i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for June 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 June 2025.
10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for June 2025.
- i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for June 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 June 2025.
11. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for June 2025.
- i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for June 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 June 2025.

**Executive Session – discussion and possible action**

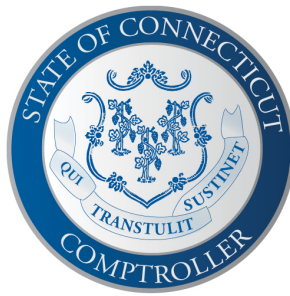
1. Beverly Lanoie appeal – written legal opinion.
2. William Kenney appeal – written legal opinion.
3. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending litigation/claim.
4. Roderick Porter v. SERC – pending litigation/cliam.

At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano 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, Virignia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, Michael Rose, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by

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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 9:19 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey 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 9:20 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Ms. Lanoie's appeal because SERC cannot substitute its judgment for that of the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Mr. Kenney's request to go before the Medical Examining Board again because he has already been before the Medical Examining Board seven times, and because SERC cannot supersede the decision of the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Peter Adomeit, Chairman

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Prepared by John Herrington  
Director Retirement Services Division