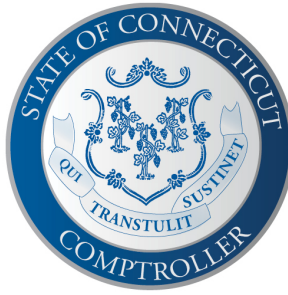


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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the “Commission”) was held on September 18, 2025. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were present:

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

Absent were:

- Sal Luciano, Trustee
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee

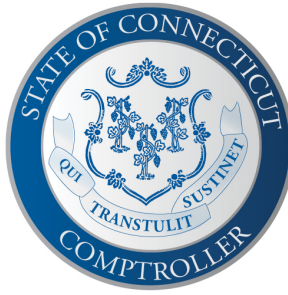
Also present were:

- Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
- Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- Robert Helfand, 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 9:00 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.

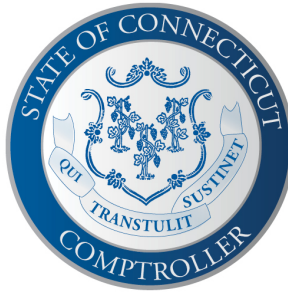
New Matters

1. Request Commission Approval of SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the August 2025 meeting.
 - i. At 9:04 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the August 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 August 2025 meeting.
2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for August 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 August 2025.
3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for August 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 August 2025.
4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for August 2025.
 - ii. Mr. Poulin abstained.
 - iii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.

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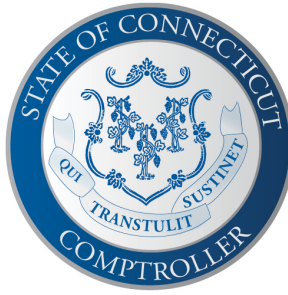
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- iv. The Commission voted unanimously in favor, with Mr. Poulin abstaining, to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for August 2025.
5. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for August 2025.
 - ii. Mr. Ryor 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. Ryor abstaining, to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses Reimbursement for August 2025.
6. Request Commission Acceptance of Invoices from Rose Kallor for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for August 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 August 2025.
7. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for August 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 August 2025.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for August 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 Service Retirements for August 2025.

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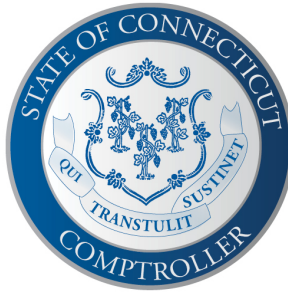
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9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for August 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 August 2025.
10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for August 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 August 2025.
11. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for August 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 August 2025.
12. Request Commission Approval of the RSD to Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for August 2025.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the RSD to Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for August 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 RSD to Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for August 2025.
13. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations from the Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on August 28, 2025.
 - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to approve the recommendations from the Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on August 28, 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 recommendations from the Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on August 28, 2025.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

- 1. Kevin Lawlor appeal – written legal opinion.
- 2. Lori LaPrise petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
- 3. Mary Hamilton appeal – written legal opinion.
- 4. Ralph Marone request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
- 5. Latasha Russell request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
- 6. Terry Warsop request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
- 7. Roderick Porter v. SERC – pending litigation.
- 8. Patrick Butler v. SERC - pending litigation/pending claim.
- 9. Evangelista Contreras v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.

At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-9. 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 1-9 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 1-9.

At 9:32 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin 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

Division Director's Report

At 9:33 a.m., Mr. Herrington provided the Division Director's Report.

Division Director Report (9/18/2025)

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 December 2025.

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- There are 20 New Applications received for September 2025 and 1 New Applications for October 2025.
 - There are 95 initial Disability Retirement applications pending of which:
 - 1 Applications are awaiting review and scheduling by Unit.
 - 18 Tabled cases have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
 - 19 Reconsideration cases to be scheduled in 2026 and have not provided updated medical documentation.
 - 57 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* | 92* | 95* | | | |

*Going forward, we will be including tabled and reconsideration cases in the total pending count.

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

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

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 | 156 | 150 | | | | 1241 |
| 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 |

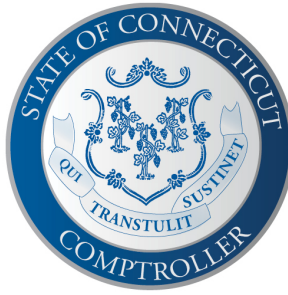
At 9:34 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to deny Mr. Lawlor's appeal and continue the actuarial reduction from age 65. All voted in favor.

At 9:34 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to direct Rose Kallor to prepare a declaratory ruling on Ms. LaPrise's petition. All voted in favor.

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At 9:35 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to grant Ms. Hamilton's appeal and send the disability retirement application to the MEB and permit the 100% survivor option. All voted in favor.

At 9:35 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to deny Mr. Marone's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

At 9:36 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to grant Ms. Russell's request for reconsideration and remand the matter to the Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee to review the matter. All voted in favor.

At 9:36 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to grant Ms. Warsop's request for reconsideration and remand the matter to the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee to review the matter. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Buffkin to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Prepared by John Herrington
Director Retirement Services Division