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STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION
LEGAL AND PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: November 14, 2025

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

Present:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

Trustee Michael O'Brien

Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Tax Counsel Virginia McGarrity (Robinson &
Cole LLP)

John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Benjamin
Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

1 (Proceedings began at 8:31 a.m.)

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3 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. The attendance?

4 MS. CIESLAK: I'm just marking down that the
5 meeting was called to order at 8:31.

6 MR. ADOMEIT: I'm sorry. Yes. Thank you.

7 MS. CIESLAK: No worries. All right. This is
8 Cindy Cieslak. Good morning, everyone. Present
9 today we have Chairman Peter Adomeit, Trustee
10 Michael O'Brien, Trustee Brian Hill, and Trustee
11 Michael Carey.

12 From the Retirement Services Division, Division
13 Director John Herrington and Benjamin Sedrowski.

14 From Tax Counsel, Robinson and Cole, Virginia
15 McGarrity, and from General Counsel, Rose Kallor,
16 Cindy Cieslak.

17 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay, who will make the motions
18 this morning?

19 MR. CAREY: I could do that, sir.

20 MR. ADOMEIT: Michael Carey. Okay, then who
21 will second?

22 MR. O'BRIEN: I can do that, Peter.

23 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay.

24 MS. CIESLAK: And Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy
25 Cieslak. Trustee Sal Luciano is joining us right

1 now. And, as I had noted -- and also Robert Helfand
2 from the Retirement Services Division is joining us.

3 And I noted this morning that I would
4 respectfully request that the Trustees table Lori
5 LaPrise, Item number one, till next month.

6 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Can we have a motion to
7 that effect?

8 MS. CIESLAK: I'm sorry, I wasn't very clear on
9 that one. This is Cindy Cieslak. Amend the agenda
10 to take it out of Executive Session for today and
11 table it to next month.

12 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay, so we need a motion to
13 amend the agenda.

14 MR. LUCIANO: So moved. Sal Luciano.

15 MR. O'BRIEN: Second, Mike O'Brien.

16 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say aye or
17 raise your hand. Opposed nay or raise your hand.
18 It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

19 Okay. Executive Session. New business.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, this is Cindy
21 Cieslak. I believe we will need a motion to go into
22 Executive Session.

23 MR. ADOMEIT: Correct.

24 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, so moved.

25 MR. O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, second, with

1 amending that motion to include usual suspects.

2 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. The
3 individuals to whom Mr. O'Brien refers would include
4 Ben Sedrowski, John Herrington, Robert Helfand,
5 Cindy Cieslak, and Virginia McGarrity, because they
6 have information and opinions which will be relevant
7 to the discussion.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Yes. The maker of the motion
9 agrees.

10 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say aye or
11 raise your hand. Opposed nay or raise your hand.
12 It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

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14 (Executive Session from 8:34 a.m. to 9:06 a.m.)

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16 MR. ADOMEIT: Are we back on Cindy? We need a
17 motion, please.

18 MR. LUCIANO: Regarding Paul Cicarella, I'd
19 like to make a motion to deny his request not to go
20 to the MEB. He is requesting not to go to the MEB,
21 and so this would be a recommendation to the full
22 Board next week to deny his request not to go to the
23 MEB. And it requires a second if people are in
24 agreement.

25 MR. CAREY: This is Mike Carey, second.

1 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,
2 all in favor, say aye or raise your hand. Opposed
3 nay or raise your hand. The ayes have it.

4 MR. LUCIANO: Regarding Joseph Etim, I'd like
5 to request that we table until next month.

6 MR. CAREY: Carey, second.

7 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Any discussion? Hearing
8 none, all in favor say aye or raise your hand.
9 Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous.
10 The ayes have it.

11 MR. LUCIANO: Regarding Jeffrey Scott, I'd like
12 to make a motion to recommend to the full Board next
13 week that we deny his request to go to the MEB.

14 MR. O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, second.

15 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,
16 all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed
17 nay or raise your hand. It's unanimous, the ayes
18 have it.

19 MR. LUCIANO: And I guess regarding Contreras,
20 do we have to deny his claim? Make a
21 recommendation?

22 MR. ADOMEIT: Cindy?

23 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. No,
24 Contreras is before the CHRO, so it's pending -
25 pending claim, pending litigation.

1 MR. LUCIANO: In that case, I'd like to make a
2 motion to come out of exec -- oh, we did -- to
3 adjourn.

4 MR. O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, second.

5 MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye.

6 MR. LUCIANO: Aye.

7 MR. ADOMEIT: Opposed, nay? It's always
8 affirmative. Thank you all very much.

9 (Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.)

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