

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT RETIREMENT SERVICES DIVISION OFFICE of the STATE COMPTROLLER 165 Capitol Ave. Hartford, CT 06106

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## STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the "Commission") was held on November 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
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Brian Hill, Trustee
- David Krayeski, Trustee
- Sal Luciano, 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:

- Karen Buffkin, 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 9:05 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.

At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to amend the agenda to include as Item 14: Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2025. All voted in favor.

### **Division Director's Report**

At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Herrington provided the Division Director's Report.

### **Division Director Report (11/20/2025)**

#### 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 March 2026.
  - There are 16 New Applications received for November 2025.
    - o There are 92 initial Disability Retirement applications pending of which:
      - 0 Applications are awaiting review and scheduling by Unit.
      - 21 Tabled cases have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
      - 18 Reconsideration cases to be scheduled in 2026 and have not provided updated medical documentation.
      - 53 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*	91*	92*	

<sup>\*</sup>Going forward, we will be including tabled and reconsideration cases in the total pending count.



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#### **B.** Twenty-Four Month Reviews:

- 29 Cases are scheduled for review and 14 are scheduled for approval due to Social Security MOU.
- 0 Tabled case have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
- 2 Reconsideration case has not provided updated medical documentation.
- 101 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	110	109		1460
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 October 2025 meeting.
  - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the October 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 October 2025 meeting.
- 2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for October 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 October 2025.
- 3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for October 2025.



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- i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for October 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 October 2025.
- 4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:11 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 October 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 October 2025.
- 5. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:11 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 October 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 October 2025.
- 6. Request Commission Acceptance of Invoices from Rose Kallor for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for October 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 October 2025.
- 7. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for October 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 accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for October 2025.
- 8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for October 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 October 2025.
- 9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for October 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 October 2025.
- 10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for October 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 October 2025.
- 11. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for October 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 Retroactive Retirements for October 2025.



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- 12. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for October 2025.
  - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Probate Judges and Employees' Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for October 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 October 2025.
- 13. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on October 23, 2025.
  - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on October 23, 2025.
  - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
  - iv. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on October 23, 2025.
- 14. Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2025.
  - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2025.
  - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
  - v. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2025.

#### Executive Session – discussion and possible action

- 1. Paul Cicarella appeal written legal opinion.
- 2. Jeffrey Scott request for reconsideration written legal opinion.
- 3. Patrick Butler v. SERC pending litigation/pending claim.
- 4. Evangelista Contreras v. SERC pending claim/pending litigation.
- 5. Roderick Porter v. SERC pending litigation.

At 9:14 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 1-5. 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 1-5 because they may give opinions or factual



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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 1-5.

At 9:38 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano 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 9:39 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Mr. Cicarella's request so that he will be reviewed by the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

At 9:40 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Jeffrey Scott's request for reconsideration to next month. All voted in favor.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Peter Adomeit, Chairman
Prepared by John Herrington
Director Retirement Services Division