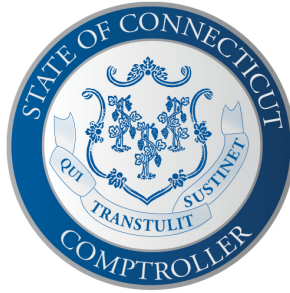


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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the “Commission”) was held on July 16, 2026. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were present:

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

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
- Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
- Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller & General Counsel
- Benjamin Sedrowski, Planning Specialist, Retirement Services Division

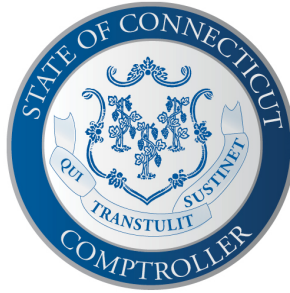
Absent:

- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee

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

Division Director Report (7/16/2026)

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 November 2026.

- There are 13 New Applications received for July 2026.
 - There are 116 initial Disability Retirement applications pending of which:
 - 1 Application(s) awaiting review and scheduling by Unit.
 - 4 Tabled cases awaiting scheduling.
 - 0 Reconsideration cases awaiting scheduling.
 - 111 Applications are scheduled for upcoming MEB meetings.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2025	83*	85*	94*	92*	90*	88*	89*	92*	95*	91*	92*	104*
2025	112*	113*	109*	116*	111*	112*	111*					

*These numbers include tabled and reconsideration cases in the total pending count.

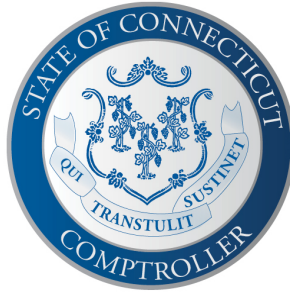
B. Twenty-Four Month Reviews:

- 43 Cases are scheduled for review.
- 13 Cases are scheduled for approval due to Social Security MOU.
- 1 Tabled cases have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
- 0 Reconsideration cases have not provided updated medical documentation.
- 80 cases are awaiting the due date for scheduling.

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C. Investigations: The Disability Retirement Unit scheduled 6 investigation cases for November 20, 2026.

II. Normal SERS Retirements:

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
2026	223	169	104	113	166	146	166						1087
2025	162	129	104	115	110	129	186	156	150	110	106	92	1549

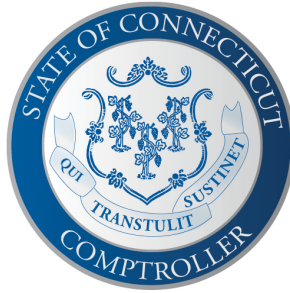
New Matters

1. Request Commission Approval of SERC minutes w/ Directors Report for the June 2026 meeting.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report for the June 2026 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 for the June 2026 meeting.
2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for June 2026.
 - 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 2026.
3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for June 2026.
 - 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 2026.

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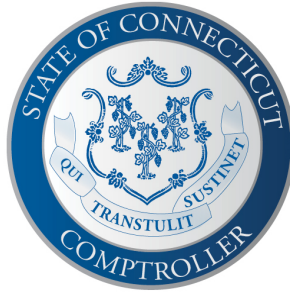
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4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement June 2026.
 - 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 2026.
5. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for June 2026.
 - 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 2026.
6. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for June 2026.
 - 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 2026.
7. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for June 2026.
 - 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 2026.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for June 2026.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.

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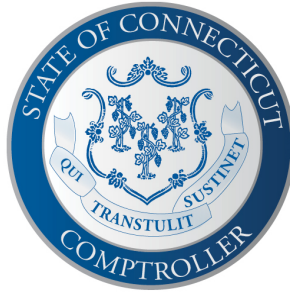
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- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for June 2026.
9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for June 2026.
 - 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 2026.
10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for June 2026.
 - 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 Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for June 2026.
11. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for June 2026.
 - 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 accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for June 2026.
12. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials for June 2026.
 - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials for June 2026.
 - 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 accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials for June 2026.

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13. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for June 2026.
 - 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 June 2026.
 - 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 Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for June 2026.
14. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations from the Hazardous Duty Subcommittee meeting held on July 1, 2026.
 - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the recommendations from the Hazardous Duty Subcommittee meeting held on July 1, 2026.
 - 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 recommendation from the Hazardous Duty Subcommittee meeting held on July 1, 2026.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

1. William Kenney petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
2. Jason DeMarco appeal – written legal opinion.
3. Jason Harrison appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Charles Mercado appeal – written legal opinion.
5. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
6. Lori LaPrise v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
7. William Pagoni v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.

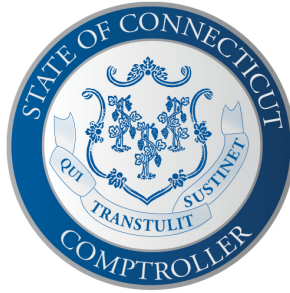
At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-7. Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Commission to stay for executive session on Items 1-7 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 1-7.

At 9:48 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.

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Public Session

At 9:48 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to provide William Kenney with the declaratory ruling as drafted by counsel. All voted in favor.

A 9:49 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny the request of Mr. DeMarco for an invoice to return his hazardous duty contributions. All voted in favor.

At 9:49 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny his appeal without prejudice and allow Mr. Harrison to be reconsidered by the MEB. All voted in favor. There was discussion to clarify that Mr. Harrison would not be considered untimely in seeking reconsideration before the MEB.

At 9:50 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Mr. Mercado's appeal. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Prepared by John Herrington
Director Retirement Services Division