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RETIREMENT COMMISSION



MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the “Commission”) was held on March 19, 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 Carey, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- Brian Hill, Trustee
- David Krayeski, Trustee
- Sal Luciano, Trustee
- Michael O’Brien, Trustee
- Claude Poulin, Trustee
- Ted Wright, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the Treasurer, Ex Officio Member

Absent were:

- Michael Bailey, Trustee
- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Angel Quiros, Trustee
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee

Also present were:

- Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Colef
- Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- Robert Helfand, Assistant Director, Retirement Services Division
- John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
- Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel
- Michael Rose, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division
- Ed Koebel, CavMac
- Larry Langer, CavMac

**Call to Order**

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Chairman Adomeit called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.

At 9:08a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to amend the agenda to include the following as Items 18, 19, 20, and 21:

- Request Commission acceptance of the Connecticut SERS GASB 67 Report, dated June 30, 2025.
- Request Commission acceptance of the Connecticut SERS GASB 68 Report, dated June 30, 2026.
- Request Commission acceptance of the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 67 Report, dated June 30, 2025.
- Request Commission acceptance of the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 68 Report, dated June 30, 2026.

All voted in favor.

18. Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut SERS GASB 67 Report, dated June 30, 2025.
  - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut SERS GASB 67 Report, dated June 30, 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 Connecticut SERS GASB 67 Report, dated June 30, 2025.
19. Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut SERS GASB 68 Report, dated June 30, 2026.
  - i. At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut SERS GASB 68 Report, dated June 30, 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 Connecticut SERS GASB 68 Report, dated June 30, 2026.
20. Request Commission Acceptance of the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 67 Report, dated June 30, 2025.
  - i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 67 Report, dated June 30, 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 Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 67 Report, dated June 30, 2025.
21. Request Commission Acceptance of the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 68 Report, dated June 30, 2026.
- i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 68 Report, dated June 30, 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 Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 68 Report, dated June 30, 2026.

### New Matters

1. Request Commission Approval of SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the February 2026 meeting.
  - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report from the February 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 from the February 2026 meeting.
2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for February 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 February 2026.
3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for February 2026.

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- i. At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for February 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 February 2026.
4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for February 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 February 2026.
5. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for February 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 February 2026.
6. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:15 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for February 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 February 2026.
7. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:16 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for February 2026.

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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 February 2026.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:16 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for February 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 Voluntary Pending Retirements for February 2026.
9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:16 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for February 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 February 2026.
10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:16 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for February 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 Retroactive Retirements for February 2026.
11. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:16 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for February 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 February 2026.

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12. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for February 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 February 2026.
  
13. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials for February 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 February 2026.
  
14. Request Commission Approval of the RSD to Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve that RSD Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for February 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 that RSD Discontinue Disability Apps. 1-Year Limitations for February 2026.
  
15. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for February 2026.
  - i. At 9:18 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for February 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 Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for February 2026.

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16. Request Commission Review and Acceptance of the Financial Statements for Probate Operations and Balance Sheet for Year Ending December 31, 2025.
  - i. At 9:18 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Financial Statements for Probate Operations and Balance Sheet for Year Ending December 31, 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 accept the Financial Statements for Probate Operations and Balance Sheet for Year Ending December 31, 2025.
  
17. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on February 24, 2026.
  - i. At 9:18 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on February 24, 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 recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on February 24, 2026.

**Executive Session – discussion and possible action**

1. Evangelista Contreras, Jr. appeal – written legal opinion.
2. William Pagoni v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
3. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
4. Lori LaPrise v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.

At 9:19 a.m., Mr. Carey 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, Yamuna Menon, Michael Rose, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by 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 9:58 a.m., Mr. Carey 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 9:58 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to remand Mr. Contreras's matter to the MEB for review on the following items: 1) review updated workers' compensation information and status, 2) provide additional information as to why the MEB found Mr. Contreras not disabled despite the apparent award of social security disability, and 3) explain if/how social media posts factored in the MEB's decision on disability status. All voted in favor.

**Adjournment**

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 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