

STATE EMPLOYEES
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 April 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:

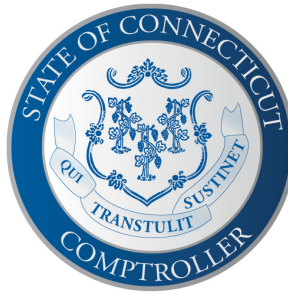
- Peter Adomeit, Chairman
- Michael Bailey, Trustee
- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- Michael Carey, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Brian Hill, Trustee
- David Krayski, Trustee
- Sal Luciano, Trustee
- Michael O’Brien, Trustee
-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

Also present were:

- Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
- 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 and General Counsel
- Michael Rose, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Call to Order

Chairman Adomeit called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.



Division Director’s Report

At 9:03 a.m., Mr. Herrington provided the Division Director’s Report.

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 September 2026.

- There are 12 New Applications received for April 2026.
 - There are 116 initial Disability Retirement applications pending of which:
 - 4 Application(s) awaiting review and scheduling by Unit.
 - 1 Tabled 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*								

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

B. Twenty-Four Month Reviews:

- 29 Cases are scheduled for review.
- 7 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.
- 91 cases are awaiting the due date for scheduling.

C. Investigations: The Disability Retirement Unit scheduled 7 investigation cases for May 15, 2026.

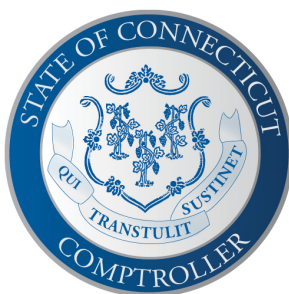
II. Normal SERS Retirements:

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
2026	223	169	104	113									609
2025	162	129	104	115	110	129	186	156	150	110	106	92	1549

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New Matters

1. Request Commission Approval of SERC minutes w/ Directors Report for the March 2026 meeting.
 - i. At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report for the March 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 March 2026 meeting.

2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for March 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 March 2026.

3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for March 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 March 2026.

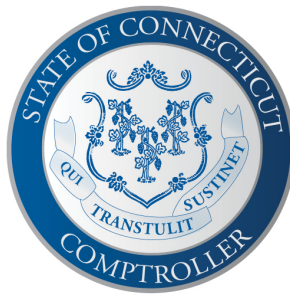
4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement March 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 March 2026.

5. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor for March 2026.

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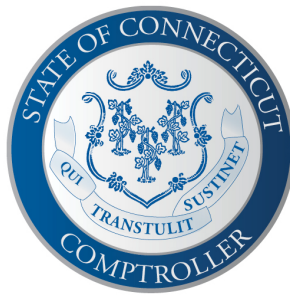
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- i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for March 2026.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for March 2026.
6. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for March 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 March 2026.
7. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for March 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 March 2026.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for March 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 March 2026.
9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for March 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 March 2026.

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10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for March 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 March 2026.

11. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for March 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 March 2026.

12. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for March 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 March 2026.

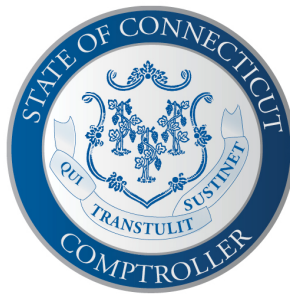
13. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials for March 2026.
 - i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials for March 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 March 2026.

14. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations from the Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on March 27, 2026.

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- i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the recommendations from the Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on March 27, 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 Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on March 27, 2026.
15. Request Commission Approval of the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority's application to participate in the federal Old Age, Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance System pursuant to Section 218 of the Social Security Act.
- i. At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority's application to participate in the federal Old Age, Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance System pursuant to Section 218 of the Social Security Act.
 - 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 Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority's application to participate in the federal Old Age, Survivors, Disability and Health Insurance System pursuant to Section 218 of the Social Security Act.
16. Request Commission Approval of Modification No. 494 to the Connecticut State Social Security 218 Agreement.
- i. At 9:09 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve Modification No. 494 to the Connecticut State Social Security 218 Agreement.
 - 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 Modification No. 494 to the Connecticut State Social Security 218 Agreement.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

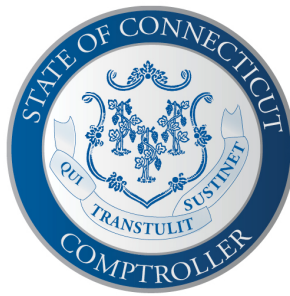
1. Nydia Romero appeal – written legal opinion.
2. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
3. Lori LaPrise v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
4. William Pagoni v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.

At 9:09 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 1-4. 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 1-4 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 1-4.

At 9:17 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 9:17 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to remand Ms. Romero's matter to the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Prepared by John Herrington
Director Retirement Services Division