

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION

DATE: September 17, 2026

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

Present:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Michael Bailey, Trustee

Michael Carey, Trustee

Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member

Brian Hill, Trustee

Sal Luciano, Trustee

Michael O'Brien, Trustee

Claude Poulin, Actuarial Trustee

Ted Wright, CIO, Office of the Treasurer, Ex Officio
Member

Others present:

Cindy Cieslak General Counsel to the Commission, Rose
Kallor

John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division

Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole

Ben Sedrowski, Planning Specialist, Retirement Services
Division

1 (Proceedings began at 9:02 a.m.)

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3 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay. This is a monthly
4 meeting of the Connecticut State Employees' Retirement
5 Commission being held remotely using Zoom technology.

6 And Cindy, do you have the attendance, please?

7 CINDY CIESLAK: Yes. Good morning. This is
8 Cindy Cieslak. Present today we have Chairman Peter
9 Adomeit, Trustee Michael Bailey, Trustee Michael Carey;
10 Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller and ex officio member of
11 the Retirement Commission; Trustee Brian Hill, Trustee
12 Sal Luciano, Trustee Michael O'Brien, Actuarial Trustee
13 Claude Poulin; from the Retirement Services Division,
14 John Herrington and Benjamin Sedrowski; from Tax Counsel,
15 Robinson and Cole, Virginia McGarrity, and I'm from Rose
16 Kallor, General Counsel.

17 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay, thank you. John
18 Herrington, can we have your report, please?

19 JOHN HERRINGTON: Yes. Good afternoon,
20 everyone. Again, it's a relatively standard month in the
21 Retirement Division with regards to the State Employees'
22 Retirement System.

23 The largest issue on the horizon is with the
24 most recent 2026 SEBAC agreement. There's a provision
25 that accounts for missed contributions or contribution

1 deficiencies on the part of employees, and that would
2 require the employer to pay that and any lost gains with
3 respect to the DC portions, whether that's ARP or the
4 Tier IV DC plan. We are in a position to move forward
5 with that, so there should be a number of transactions
6 affecting, you know, most employers over the next week or
7 so, but there would also be an infusion of missed
8 contributions into the fund.

9 Historically, when there have been contribution
10 errors, regardless of the size, we collect those from
11 employees, sometimes in as little as \$20 per pay period,
12 so, the fact that we would receive the full deficiencies
13 in a single payment would be very helpful to the fund.
14 But that's something that we'll be working through and
15 hopefully we will have that resolved for the existing
16 backlog by the time that we report for next month's
17 meeting.

18 PETER ADOMEIT: All right, thank you, John.
19 New Matters.

20 MICHAEL BAILEY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.
21 Michael Bailey. I move approval of the State Employees'
22 Retirement Commission minutes with the Director's report
23 for August 2026.

24 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

25 PETER ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,

1 all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed nay or
2 raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

3 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval
4 of the Connecticut State Employees' Retirement System's
5 expenses for August 2026.

6 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

10 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey,
11 I move approval of the State Employees' Retirement
12 Commission Chairman's per diem expenses for August 2026.

13 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

17 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move items
18 four and five on the agenda: Acceptance of invoices from
19 Rose Kallor executive session and invoices from Robinson
20 and Cole for federal tax matter services, executive
21 session for August 2026.

22 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

23 PETER ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,
24 all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed nay or
25 raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

1 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move item six
2 on the agenda: Approval of the State Employees'
3 Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's per
4 diem and travel expenses reimbursement for August 2026.

5 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

9 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move item 7,
10 8, 9, 10 and 11 on the agenda: Approval of the
11 Connecticut State Employees' Retirement System service
12 retirements, voluntary pending retirements, disability
13 retirements, retroactive retirements and pre-retirement
14 death benefits for August 2026.

15 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

19 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move items 12
20 and 13 on the agenda: Acceptance of recommendations from
21 the Medical Examining Board for continued entitlement
22 approvals and continued entitlement tabled and denials
23 for August 2026.

24 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

25 PETER ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,

1 all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed nay or
2 raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

3 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval
4 of the recommendations from the Regulations and
5 Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on August 2026.

6 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

10 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, seeing nothing
11 further on New Matters, I move to suspend the regular
12 meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of
13 discussing items one through eight.

14 I invite Cindy Cieslak, Robert Helfand, John
15 Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon and Michael
16 Rose to stay for executive session because they may give
17 opinions or factual background with respect to the topics
18 at issue.

19 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

20 PETER ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none -
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22 CINDY CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman?

23 PETER ADOMEIT: Yes, Cindy?

24 CINDY CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Just
25 for the record, because a couple of the individuals that

1 Mr. Bailey mentioned are not present today, so I want to
2 make sure the record is clear. The Trustees are inviting
3 in Cindy Cieslak, Virginia McGarrity, John Herrington and
4 Benjamin Sedrowski.

5 PETER ADOMEIT: Yes, so noted.

6 MICHAEL BAILEY: Thank you.

7 CINDY CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, if there's no
8 further discussion, you can call the motion.

9 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, of going
10 in executive session, raise your hand. Opposed nay or
11 raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

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13 (Executive Session 9:08 a.m. to 9:32 a.m.)

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15 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay. Number one, Kathleen
16 Belanger.

17 SAL LUCIANO: I'd like to make a motion that we
18 deny her appeal for a remand to the MEB.

19 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, second.

20 PETER ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,
21 all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed nay or
22 raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

23 Kyer.

24 SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Danielle Kyer, I'd like
25 to make a motion that we deny her request for

1 reconsideration.

2 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, second.

3 PETER ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,
4 all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed nay or
5 raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

6 SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Mendez, I'd like to
7 make a motion that we recommend this case back to the MEB
8 for explanation and evidence on their conclusion.

9 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, second.

10 PETER ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,
11 all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed nay or
12 raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

13 SAL LUCIANO: There was a claim that --

14 PETER ADOMEIT: Go ahead, Sal. I'm sorry.

15 SAL LUCIANO: No, there was a claim that
16 Carmela Smith doesn't need a motion, but I think she's
17 going to be looking to see if we have reached a decision,
18 so, I don't think it harms anything by making a motion
19 that we communicate with Carmela Smith that her case is
20 under review within the statutory timeline.

21 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, second.

22 PETER ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,
23 all in favor say aye or raise your hand. Opposed nay or
24 raise your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

25 Thank you, Sal. Much appreciated.

1 SAL LUCIANO: Motion to adjourn.

2 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, second.

3 PETER ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or raise
4 your hand. It's always unanimous. The ayes have it.

5 SAL LUCIANO: Happy fall, everybody.

6 MICHAEL BAILEY: Thanks.

7 MICHAEL CAREY: Thanks, Sal. You, too. Take
8 care, everybody.

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10 (Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Wendy Malitsky, do hereby certify that the foregoing is, to the best of my skill and ability, a true and accurate transcript of the State Employees'

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Wendy Malitsky, Notary Public

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