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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the "Commission") was held on November 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 Bailey, Trustee
- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- Michael Carey, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- Tara Downes, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- 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

Absent:

- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee

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
- Ed Koebel, CavMac
- Larry Langer, CavMac
- Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
- Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel
- Benjamin Sedrowski, Planning Specialist, Retirement Services Division

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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.

At 9:04 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to amend the agenda to include as Item 14:

- Commission acceptance of the State Employees Retirement System Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2026.

All voted in favor.

The Chair called for Item 14 to be taken up first. At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Koebel presented the SERS Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2026.

At 9:18 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Poulin to accept the State Employees Retirement System Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2026. All voted in favor.

Division Director's Report

At 9:19 a.m., Mr. Herrington presented the Division Director's Report.

Division Director Report (10/15/2026)

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 February 2027.

- There are 6 New Applications received for October 2026.
  - There are 99 initial Disability Retirement applications pending of which:
    - 0 Application(s) awaiting review and scheduling by Unit.
    - 4 Tabled cases awaiting scheduling.
    - 95 Applications are scheduled for upcoming MEB meetings.

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2026	83*	85*	94*	92*	90*	88*	89*	92*	95*	91*	92*	104*
2025	112*	113*	109*	116*	111*	112*	111*	110*	107*	99*		

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*Tabled and reconsideration cases are included in the total pending count.

B. Twenty-Four-Month Reviews:

- 31 Cases are scheduled for review.
- 2 Cases are scheduled for approval due to Social Security MOU.
- 1 Tabled cases have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
- 79 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
2026	223	169	104	113	166	146	166	169	155	**139**				**1550**
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 October 2026 meeting.
   i. At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the SERC minutes w/ Directors Report for the October 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 October 2026 meeting.

2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for October 2026.
   i. At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for October 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 October 2026.

3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for October 2026.
   i. At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for October 2026.
   ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.

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iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for October 2026.

4. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor for October 2026.
   i. At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for October 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 October 2026.

5. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for October 2026.
   i. At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for October 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 October 2026.

6. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for October 2026.
   i. At 9:23 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 October 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 October 2026.

7. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for October 2026.
   i. At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for October 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 October 2026.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for October 2026.
   i. At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for October 2026.
   ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.

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iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for October 2026.

9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for October 2026.
   i. At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for October 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 October 2026.

10. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for October 2026.
   i. At 9:24 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for October 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 October 2026.

11. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials for October 2026.
   i. At 9:24 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 October 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 October 2026.

12. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for October 2026.
   i. At 9:24 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for October 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 October 2026.

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13. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on November 2026.
    i. At 9:25 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 November 17, 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 Recommendations from the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on November 17, 2026.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

1. Christine Spak petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
2. Carmen Medina request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
3. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending claim/litigation.
4. William Pagoni v. SERC – pending claim/litigation.
5. Lori LaPrise v. SERC – pending claim/litigation.
6. William Kenney v. SERC – pending claim/litigation.

At 9:25 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 1-6. 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 1-6 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 1-6.

At 9:41 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 9:41 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to grant Ms. Medina's request for reconsideration and direct the matter to the Purchase of Service and Related Matters Subcommittee for review. All voted in favor.

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Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 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