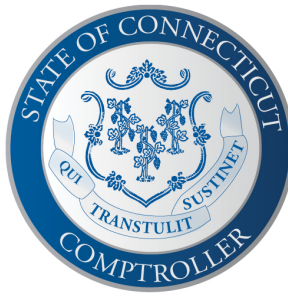


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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the “Commission”) was held on September 17, 2026. The meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were present:

- Peter Adomeit, Chairman
- Michael Bailey, Trustee
- Michael Carey, 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:

- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee

Also present were:

- Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
- Virginia McGarrity, Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
- Benjamin Sedrowski, Planning Specialist, Retirement Services Division

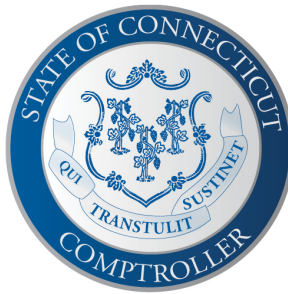
Call to Order

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

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Division Director's Report

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

Division Director Report (8/20/2026)

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 December 2026.

- There are 11 New Applications received for August 2026.
 - There are 132 initial Disability Retirement applications pending of which:
 - 0 Application(s) awaiting review and scheduling by Unit.
 - 4 Tabled cases awaiting scheduling.
 - 106 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*	110*				

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

B. Twenty-Four Month Reviews:

- 34 Cases are scheduled for review.
- 12 Cases are scheduled for approval due to Social Security MOU.
- 2 Tabled cases have not yet provided updated medical documentation.
- 85 cases are awaiting the due date for scheduling.

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

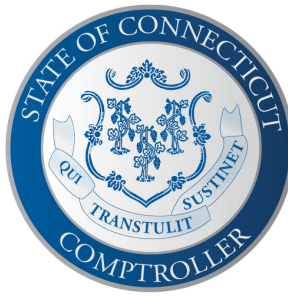
II. Normal SERS Retirements:

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
2026	223	169	104	113	166	146	166	169					1256
2025	162	129	104	115	110	129	186	156	150	110	106	92	1549

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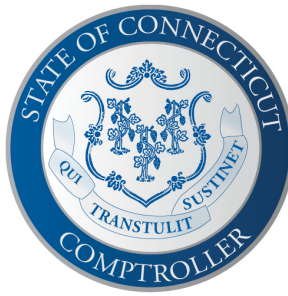
New Matters

1. Request Commission Approval of SERC minutes w/ Directors Report for the August 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 August 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 August 2026 meeting.
2. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut SERS Expenses for August 2026.
 - i. At 9:05 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut SERS Expenses for August 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 August 2026.
3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for August 2026.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses for August 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 August 2026.
4. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor for August 2026.
 - i. At 9:06 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor for August 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 August 2026.
5. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for August 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 August 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 accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matter Services for August 2026.
6. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement for August 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 August 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 August 2026.
7. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for August 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 August 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 August 2026.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Voluntary Pending Retirements for August 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 August 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 August 2026.
9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Disability Retirements for August 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 August 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 August 2026.

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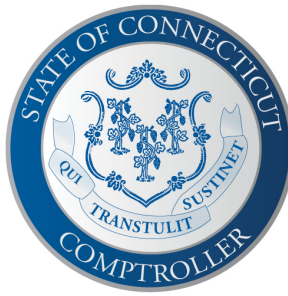
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10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for August 2026.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for August 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 August 2026.
11. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for August 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 August 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 August 2026.
12. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for August 2026.
 - i. At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Approvals for August 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 August 2026.
13. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials for August 2026.
 - i. At 9:07 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 August 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 August 2026.
14. Request Commission Approval of the Recommendations from the Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on August 25, 2026.

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- i. At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the recommendations from the Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on August 25, 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 Regulations and Overpayments Subcommittee meeting held on August 25, 2026.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

1. Kathleen Belanger appeal – written legal opinion.
2. Danielle Kyer request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
3. Joshua Mendez appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Carmela Smith petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
5. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending litigation/pending claim.
6. William Kenney v. SERC – pending litigation/pending claim.
7. Lori LaPrise v. SERC – pending litigation/pending claim.
8. William Pagoni v. SERC – pending litigation/pending claim.

At 9:08 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 1-8. Cindy Cieslak, John Herrington, Virginia McGarrity, and Benjamin Sedrowski were invited by the Commission to stay for executive session on Items 1-8 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 1-8.

At 9:32 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 9:32 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Ms. Belanger's appeal seeking a remand to the MEB. All voted in favor.

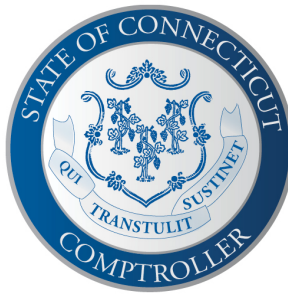
A 9:32 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to deny Ms. Kyer's request for reconsideration. All voted favor.

At 9:32 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to remand Mr. Mendez's disability application to the MEB for an explanation and evidence which supports their conclusion. All voted in favor.

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At 9:33 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to communicate to Ms. Smith that her matter is under review within the statutory time limits. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Prepared by John Herrington
Director Retirement Services Division