

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION

DATE: August 20, 2026

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

Present:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Trustee Michael Bailey

Trustee Karen Buffkin

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Carl Chisem

Trustee John Disette

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

Trustee Michael O'Brien

Actuarial Trustee Claude Poulin

Trustee Rebecca Simonsen

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

Others present:

Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel, 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, Rose Kallor

Larry Langer, CavMac

1 (Proceedings began at 9:00 a.m.)

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

6 Do you have the attendance, Cindy?

7 CINDY CIESLAK: Yes. Good morning. Present
8 today we have Chairman Peter Adomeit, Trustee Michael
9 Carey, Trustee Carl Chisem, Trustee Michael Bailey,
10 Trustee John Disette, Trustee Brian Hill, Trustee Karen
11 Buffkin, Trustee Sal Luciano; Yamuna Menon, Assistant
12 Comptroller and General Counsel; Trustee Michael O'Brien,
13 Actuarial Trustee Claude Poulin, Trustee Rebecca
14 Simonsen; Chief Investment Officer, Office of the
15 Treasurer, Ex officio member of the Retirement
16 Commission, Ted Wright.

17 From the Retirement Services Division, Division
18 Director John Herrington and Assistant Director Robert
19 Helfand.

20 From Rose Kallor, General Counsel Michael Rose
21 and Cindy Cieslak, and from Robinson and Cole, Tax
22 Counsel, Virginia McGarrity.

23 And from CavMac, Larry Langer.

24 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay, Claude, we need a motion,
25 please, to add the item 14.

1 CLAUDE POULIN: Mr. Chairman.

2 PETER ADOMEIT: Go ahead.

3 CLAUDE POULIN: Mr. Chairman, this is Claude
4 Poulin. I move to amend the agenda to add after item 13,
5 the following item 14: To request the Commission to
6 accept the State Employees' Retirement System Experience
7 Investigation Report for the period from June 30, 2021,
8 to June 30, 2025.

9 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

10 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor say aye.
11 It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

12 PETER ADOMEIT: The actuary is here if anyone
13 has any questions, but we had a valid meeting yesterday,
14 so I don't expect it, but I would jump this to the
15 beginning rather than at the end. Otherwise he'd have to
16 sit there for a while.

17 LARRY LANGER: All right. Good morning,
18 everyone. I would be more than pleased to answer any
19 questions. We went through this. I think it took like
20 five or six hours yesterday. We can go through that
21 again.

22 PETER ADOMEIT: There's no reason to.

23 LARRY LANGER: It's only 45 minutes. So if
24 there's any questions. I appreciate the indulgence to
25 put me at the beginning of the agenda.

1 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey.
2 I will move that we accept the Connecticut State
3 Employees' Retirement System Experience Study Review
4 prepared as of 8/19/2026.

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 LARRY LANGER: Right.

10 PETER ADOMEIT: Larry, thank you very much.

11 SAL LUCIANO: Thank you.

12 LARRY LANGER: Thank y'all. Have a good day.

13 PETER ADOMEIT: All right. Okay. Division
14 Director's report.

15 JOHN HERRINGTON: Good morning, everyone. This
16 was a standard month. One issue is the close of payroll
17 was yesterday, so I'm still waiting on finalizations on
18 the numbers of the retirements for both disability and
19 normal retirements. I'll send those on later today. I
20 typically send those numbers prior to meetings, but other
21 than that, there's nothing much to report this month.

22 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay, New Matters.

23 MICHAEL BAILEY: Good Morning, everyone. Mr.
24 Chairman, this is Michael Bailey. I move approval of the
25 State Employees' Retirement System Commission minutes

1 with the Director's Report for July 2026.

2 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, 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 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval
7 of the Connecticut State Employees' Retirement System
8 expenses for July 2026.

9 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, 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 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, Michael Bailey.
14 I move approval of the State Employees' Retirement
15 Commission Chairman's per diem expenses for July 2026.

16 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

20 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move items
21 four and five on the agenda; acceptances of invoices from
22 Rose Kallor executive session and invoices from Robinson
23 and Cole, Federal Tax Matter Services, executive session
24 for July 2026.

25 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

4 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move item six
5 on the agenda; approval of the State Employees'
6 Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's per
7 diem and travel expenses reimbursement for July 2026.

8 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

12 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move items 7,
13 8, and 9 on the agenda; approval of the Connecticut State
14 Employees' Retirement System service retirements,
15 voluntary pending retirements and disability retirements
16 for July 2026.

17 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

21 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move items 10
22 and 11 on the agenda; acceptance of recommendations from
23 the Medical Examining Board for continued entitlement
24 approvals and for continued entitlement tabled and
25 denials for July 2026.

1 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

5 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval
6 of the Retirement Services Division to discontinue
7 disability applications one year limitations for July
8 2026.

9 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, 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 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, I move approval
14 of the recommendations from the Purchase of Service and
15 Related Matters Subcommittee meeting held on July 21,
16 2026.

17 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

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

21 MICHAEL BAILEY: Mr. Chairman, seeing nothing
22 further on New Matters, I move to suspend the regular
23 meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of
24 discussing items 1 through 7.

25 I invite the following to join us in executive

1 session, as they may give opinion or factual background
2 with respect to the topics at issue. Cindy, can you
3 provide us with those names?

4 CINDY CIESLAK: Of course. So, this is Cindy
5 Cieslak. You'd be inviting in Cindy Cieslak, John
6 Herrington, Robert Helfand, Michael Rose, Virginia
7 McGarrity and Yam Menon.

8 SAL LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

9 PETER ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye or raise
10 your hand. Opposed nay or raise your hand. It's
11 unanimous. The ayes have it.

12 (Executive Session from 9:11 a.m. to 9:35
13 a.m.)

14 PETER ADOMEIT: Tina Bonneau.

15 SAL LUCIANO: Tina Bonneau is -- this is Sal
16 Luciano. Tina Bonneau is going for a service connected
17 disability, and also has requested that the MEB weigh in
18 on whether she would get a -- she could get a non service
19 connected disability. I would motion that we allow her
20 to go for the service connected disability as she
21 requested, and deny her request for a non service
22 connected disability because she currently isn't eligible
23 for a non service connected disability.

24 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, 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 Joseph Etim.

4 SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Joseph Etim, Sal
5 Luciano again, I'd like to make a motion that we deny his
6 request for remand to the MEB based on significant
7 untimeliness.

8 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

12 Susan Martin.

13 SAL LUCIANO: I'd like to make a motion, Sal
14 Luciano, that we honor Susan Martin's request for a
15 hearing.

16 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, second.

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

20 Mark Morgan.

21 SAL LUCIANO: Regarding Mark Morgan, I'd like
22 to make a motion that we table this case till next month
23 pending additional information.

24 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, 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 Adjournment.

4 SAL LUCIANO: Motion to adjourn, Sal Luciano.

5 PETER ADOMEIT: Thanks, Sal.

6 MICHAEL BAILEY: Bailey, second.

7 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay, all in favor say aye or
8 raise your hand. It's always unanimous. Thank you.

9 SAL LUCIANO: Happy end of summer, everyone.

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11 (Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.)

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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' Retirement Commission held on August 20, 2026



Wendy Malitsky, Notary Public

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