



**Meeting of the Legal & Personnel Subcommittee of the  
State Employees Retirement Commission**

DATE: February 11, 2026

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Michael O'Brien

Commission Counsel Michael Rose (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Tax Counsel Bruce Barth (Robinson & Cole LLP)

Tax Counsel Virginia McGarrity (Robinson & Cole LLP)

John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified the individuals in attendance.

At 8:34 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

**Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation**

1. Judicial Retirement System refunds – written legal opinion.
2. William Kenney petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
3. Michael Viera appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Jeffrey Patton appeal – written legal opinion.
5. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
6. William Pagoni v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.

At 8:34 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-6. All voted in favor. The Subcommittee invited Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, Michael Rose, and Benjamin Sedrowski to enter executive session for Items 1-4 because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue.

At 9:06 a.m., John Herrington entered the meeting and was invited into executive session.

At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

**Public Session**

At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Hill that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission direct counsel to prepare a declaratory ruling denying Mr. Kenney's request for relief. All voted in favor.

At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Hill that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Mr. Viera's appeal. All voted in favor.

At 9:24 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Hill that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny Mr. Patton's appeal both on the merits and due to timeliness. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:24 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey