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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION
LEGAL AND PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: March 11, 2026

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

Present:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

Trustee Michael O'Brien

Others present:

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

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Assistant

Director

Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel

1 (Proceedings began at 8:34 a.m.)

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3 PETER ADOMEIT: This is a State Employees'
4 Retirement Commission Legal and Personnel Subcommittee
5 being held remotely using Zoom technology. I'm Peter
6 Adomeit. Do you have the attendance, please, Cindy?

7 CINDY CIESLAK: Yes. Good morning. This is
8 Cindy Cieslak. Present today we have Chairman Peter
9 Adomeit, Trustee Michael Carey, Trustee Brian Hill,
10 Trustee Sal Luciano, Trustee Michael O'Brien.

11 From the Office of the State Comptroller,
12 Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel, Yam Menon.

13 From the Retirement Services Division, John
14 Herrington, Division Director; Robert Helfand, Assistant
15 Director and Benjamin Sedrowski.

16 From Rose Kallor, General Counsel Michael Rose
17 and Cindy Cieslak; and from Robinson and Cole Tax
18 Counsel, Bruce Barth and Virginia McGarrity.

19 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay, we need a motion, please,
20 to approve the agenda.

21 MICHAEL CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike
22 Carey. I move that we approve the agenda as posted.

23 MICHAEL O'BRIEN: Second, Mike O'Brien.

24 PETER ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye or raise
25 your hand.

1 SAL LUCIANO: Aye.

2 PETER ADOMEIT: Opposed nay or raise your hand.
3 It's unanimous, the ayes have it.

4 New Business. We need to go into Executive
5 Session, please.

6 MICHAEL CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike
7 Carey. I move that we go into Executive Session to
8 discuss the matters on the agenda and to include in our
9 session Cindy Cieslak, Virginia McGarrity, Michael Rose,
10 John Herrington, Bruce Barth, Yam Menon and Ben
11 Sedrowski, as they all may have valuable input and
12 information for us to consider regarding these topics.

13 MICHAEL O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, second.

14 PETER ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or raise
15 your hand. It's unanimous, the ayes have it.

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17 (Executive Session from 8:35 a.m. to 9:06 a.m.)

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19 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay, Contreras, we need a
20 motion, please.

21 MICHAEL CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike
22 Carey. In the Contreras matter, I move that the
23 Subcommittee recommend that the full Commission remand
24 the matter to the MEB for review on some specific items:
25 One, to review any updated workers' compensation

1 information and workers' compensation status. Two, to
2 provide additional information as to why they found the
3 applicant not disabled despite the apparent award of
4 Social Security Disability benefits. And three, further
5 explanation on if or how the activities shown in social
6 media posts factored into their decision making process
7 on his disability status.

8 MICHAEL O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, 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 MICHAEL CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike
14 Carey, not a motion, but for the record, the Subcommittee
15 provides instruction to Counsel to provide the requested
16 information to Ms. Martin and to allow her 90 days to
17 supplement her request for reconsideration from the date
18 that she has provided the same.

19 PETER ADOMEIT: There's not a motion, and
20 everyone's on board.

21 MICHAEL CAREY: I'm glad to provide that
22 instruction on behalf of my fellow trustees.

23 PETER ADOMEIT: Thank you.

24 SAL LUCIANO: Thank you, Michael.

25 MICHAEL CAREY: You're welcome.

1 PETER ADOMEIT: We're at adjournment.

2 MICHAEL CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike
3 Carey. I agree completely, we are at the point of
4 adjournment, and therefore I make a motion that we indeed
5 adjourn.

6 MICHAEL O'BRIEN: Mike O'Brien, second.

7 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor, say aye or
8 raise your hand.

9 SAL LUCIANO: Aye.

10 PETER ADOMEIT: It's always, unanimous.

11 JOHN HERRINGTON: Cindy, can you stay on with
12 Bert and Ben? We have some disability questions.

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14 (Meeting adjourned at 9:09 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, Legal and Personnel Subcommittee

Wendy Malitsky

Wendy Malitsky, Notary Public

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