

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

DATE: April 9, 2026

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

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)

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Assistant Director

Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified the individuals in attendance.

At 8:36 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Nydia Romero appeal – written legal opinion.
2. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
3. Lori LaPrise v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
4. William Pagoni v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.

At 8:36 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-4. 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 8:47 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 8:47 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission remand Ms. Romero's disability retirement application to the MEB. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 8:48 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey