



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

A special meeting of the Municipal Employees Retirement Commission's Legal and Personnel Committee (the "Committee") was held on July 1, 2026. The meeting was held electronically via Teams. The meeting convened at 9:02 a.m., and the following members of the Committee were present:

- Karen McDonough, Committee Chair
- Kurt Miller, Committee Vice Chair
- Troy Raccuia, Trustee

Also present for the Commission:

- Brian Vahey, Commission Chair

Also present were:

- Robert Helfand, General Counsel to the MERC and Assistant Director, Retirement Services Division
- John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
- Yamuna Menon, General Counsel to the Comptroller, Office of the State Comptroller
- Ben Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division
- Megan Piwonski, Retirement Services Division

Call to Order

Committee Chair Karen McDonough called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.; Benjamin Sedrowski identified those in attendance.

Executive Session

At 9:06 a.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Troy Raccuia, to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing agenda items 2(a)-(b) including an invitation to join executive session to John Herrington, Robert Helfand, Megan Piwonski, Benjamin Sedrowski, and Yamuna Menon for session for items 2(a)-(d) because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. All voted in favor.

At 09:09 a.m.; Commission Chair Brian Vahey and Director John Herrington joined the meeting and were invited into executive session for the purpose of discussing agenda items 2(a)-(b).

At 09:45 a.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Troy Raccuia, to exit executive session in order to invite Mr. Soules to present his claim and any additional information in support of his claim to the Committee. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 09:48 a.m.; Mr. Soules confirmed that he did not have anything further to present to the Committee regarding his claim.

Executive Session

At 9:48 a.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Troy Raccuia, to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing agenda items 2(a)-(b) including an invitation to join executive session to John Herrington, Robert Helfand, Megan Piwonski, Benjamin Sedrowski, and Yamuna Menon for session for items 2(a)-(d) because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue. All voted in favor.

At 10:35 a.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Troy Raccuia, to exit executive session

Public Session

At 10:35 a.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Brian Vahey, that the Committee recommend to the Commission that it *deny* Mr. Soules' request due to the timeliness of his request and failure to provide evidence of extenuating circumstances that would warrant tolling the applicable deadline. All voted in favor.

At 10:36 a.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Brian Vahey, that the Committee recommend to the Commission that it *deny* Ms. Cicarella's request to remand her case to the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor with Troy Raccuia abstaining.

At 10:37 a.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Brian Vahey, that the Committee recommend to the Commission that it *deny* Ms. Cuppett's request to remand her case to the Medical Examining Board as untimely. All voted in favor.

At 10:38 a.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Brian Vahey, that the Committee review the draft MERS 2.0 Compensation rules and provide feedback to Director Herrington prior to the Commission's August meeting. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: As there was no further business to be addressed, at 10:39 a.m.; Kurt Miller moved, seconded by Troy Raccuia, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted by:

Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division