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MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
for DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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

DATE: July 8, 2026

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Brian Hill

Trustee Sal Luciano

Trustee Michael O'Brien

Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Tax Counsel Virginia McGarrity (Robinson & Cole LLP)

Benjamin Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified the individuals in attendance.

At 8:38 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. William Kenney petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
2. Jason DeMarco appeal – written legal opinion.
3. Jason Harrison appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Charles Mercado appeal – written legal opinion.
5. Patrick Butler v. SERC – pending litigation/pending claim.
6. Lori LaPrise v. SERC – pending litigation/pending claim.
7. William Pagoni v. SERC – pending litigation/pending claim.

At 8:38 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 1-7. All voted in favor. The Subcommittee invited Cindy Cieslak, Virginia McGarrity, Yamuna Menon, and Benjamin Sedrowski to enter executive session for Items 1-7 because they may give opinions or factual background with respect to the topics at issue.

At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Retirement Commission provide the declaratory ruling denying disability benefits. Mr. Carey noted that the recommendation is to issue the declaratory ruling as drafted by legal counsel. All voted in favor.

At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. DeMarco's request for an invoice. All voted in favor.

At 9:11 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Retirement Commission deny the appeal because Mr. Harrison has the ability to seek reconsideration by the Medical Examining Board. All voted in favor.

At 9:12 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. Mercado's appeal because the Retirement Commission cannot overrule the Medical Examining Board's medical decision. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:12 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey