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MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
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Meeting of the Legal & Personnel Subcommittee of the
State Employees Retirement Commission

DATE: August 12, 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)

Commission Counsel Michael Rose (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Tax Counsel Virginia McGarrity (Robinson & Cole LLP)

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division

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. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano 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, Michael Rose, 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. Mr. Helfand joined the meeting at approximately 9:00am and was invited into the meeting for discussion on Items 3-7.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Tina Bonneau appeal – written legal opinion.
2. Joseph Etim appeal – written legal opinion.
3. Susan Martin request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
4. Mark Morgan 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 9:21 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Ms. Bonneau's request because she is currently only eligible for a service-connected disability retirement benefit. All voted in favor.

At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Retirement Commission deny Mr. Etim's request for remand to the Medical Examining Board based on it being untimely. All voted in favor.

At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Retirement Commission honor Ms. Martin's request for a hearing in connection with her request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to table Mr. Morgan's appeal to request additional information regarding phone logs, until either the Retirement Commission meeting on August 20, 2026, or until the next meeting of the Legal & Personnel Subcommittee meeting on September 9, 2026, depending on when the Subcommittee is able to receive the requested information. All voted in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey