

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

DATE: September 9, 2026

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

Present:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman

Michael Carey, Trustee

Brian Hill, Trustee

Michael O'Brien, Trustee

Others present:

Cindy Cieslak, Commission Counsel, Rose Kallor

Michael Rose, Commission Counsel, Rose Kallor

Virginia McGarrity, Robinson & Cole

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division

Ben Sedrowski, Retirement Services Division

Yamuna Menon, Assistant Comptroller and General Counsel

1 (Proceedings began at 8:33 a.m.)

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3 PETER ADOMEIT: I'm Peter Adomeit. This is the
4 monthly meeting of the Legal and Personnel Subcommittee
5 being held remotely using Zoom technology.

6 Do you have the attendance, please, Cindy?

7 CINDY CIESLAK: Yes. Good morning. This is
8 Cindy Cieslak. I'm general counsel from Rose Kallor.

9 Present today, we have Chairman Peter Adomeit,
10 Trustee Michael Carey, Trustee Brian Hill, Trustee
11 Michael O'Brien; from tax counsel Robinson & Cole,
12 Virginia McGarrity; and from the Retirement Services
13 Division, Robert Helfand and Benjamin Sedrowski.

14 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay, we need a motion, please,
15 to approve the agenda.

16 MICHAEL CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike
17 Carey. I move that we approve today's agenda.

18 BRIAN HILL: Second, Hill.

19 PETER ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye or raise
20 your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

21 New Business. Motion, please to go into
22 executive session.

23 MICHAEL CAREY: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike
24 Carey. I move that we go into executive session to
25 discuss the matters as posted on the agenda and that we

1 invite into executive session Cindy Cieslak, Virginia
2 McGarrity, Bert Helfand and Ben Sedrowski as they may
3 have information that's important for us in our decision-
4 making on these matters. And add to that Michael Rose.

5 PETER ADOMEIT: Is there a second?

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

7 MICHAEL CAREY: Second.

8 PETER ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or raise
9 your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

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11 (Executive session from 8:35 a.m. to 8:59 a.m.)

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13 PETER ADOMEIT: Okay. Kathleen Belanger
14 appeal.

15 MICHAEL CAREY: Certainly. Mr. Chairman, this
16 is Mike Carey. I move that we recommend to the full
17 Commission that they deny Ms. Belanger's request for
18 reconsideration.

19 BRIAN HILL: Second, Hill.

20 PETER ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing none,
21 all in favor say aye or raise your hand. It's unanimous.
22 The ayes have it.

23 Danielle Kyer.

24 MICHAEL CAREY: This is Mike Carey. I move
25 that we recommend that the full Commission deny Ms.

1 Kyer's request for reconsideration.

2 BRIAN HILL: Second, Hill.

3 PETER ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or raise
4 your hand. It's unanimous. The ayes have it.

5 Joshua Mendez.

6 MICHAEL CAREY: This is Mike Carey. I move
7 that we recommend to the full Commission that they remand
8 Mr. Mendez's disability retirement application to the MEB
9 with instruction that the MEB address why it concluded
10 that his disability was attributable to pre-existing
11 conditions as opposed to the work-related injury.

12 BRIAN HILL: Second, Hill.

13 PETER ADOMEIT: All in favor, say aye or raise
14 your hand. First off, any discussion? I'm sorry, no
15 discussion? All in favor, please raise your hand. It's
16 unanimous. The ayes have it.

17 I think we need adjournment.

18 MICHAEL CAREY: Agreed. So, Mr. Chairman, no
19 further business before us. This is Mike Carey. I move
20 that we adjourn.

21 BRIAN HILL: Second, Hill.

22 PETER ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye. It's
23 always unanimous. Thank you, guys.

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25 (Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.)

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