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

DATE: January 13, 2021

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
Trustee Robert Coffey
Trustee Sal Luciano
Commission Counsel Michael Rose (Rose Kallor, LLP)
Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)
Commission Tax Counsel Bruce Barth (Robinson & Cole LLP)
Commission Tax Counsel Alisha Sullivan (Robinson & Cole LLP)
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Those present were identified.

At 8:35 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

At 8:35 a.m., Mr. Adomeit called for New Business.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Amendment to ARP Plan – written legal opinion.
2. Hartford Housing Authority – written legal opinion.
3. Ronald Johnson v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
4. Ralph Tedesco v. SERC – pending litigation.
5. Thomas Giarratona v. CMERS – pending litigation.
6. Request for MEB doctors' email addresses – written legal opinion.
7. Cynthia Dabbs-Lindenberger appeal – written legal opinion.
8. Albert Horvath appeal – written legal opinion.
9. Catherine Crandle v. SERC – pending litigation.
10. Marianna Grzeszczyk v. SERC – pending litigation.
11. Brian Comerford v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 8:35 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to enter executive session. All voted in favor. Michael Rose, Cindy Cieslak, Bruce Barth, Alisha Sullivan, & John Herrington were invited into executive session. Items 1-3 were discussed in Executive Session.

At 8:43 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

At 8:43 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to recommend that the Commission adopt the amendment to ARP regarding overpayments as presented in the attachment provided by counsel. There was brief discussion that the item would be included for review and discussion at the Retirement Commission meeting on January 21, 2021. All voted in favor.

At 8:44 a.m., Mr. Barth and Ms. Sullivan exited the meeting.

At 8:44 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to enter executive session. All voted in favor. Michael Rose, Cindy Cieslak, & John Herrington were invited into executive session. Items 4-9 were discussed in Executive Session.

At 9:25 a.m., Mr. Barth was invited into executive session for the purpose of discussing Item 8. Mr. Barth exited the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

At 9:34 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

At 9:34 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano, to recommend that the Commission deny the request of Mr. Horvath to change his retirement option. All voted in favor.

At 9:35 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to enter executive session. All voted in favor. Michael Rose, Cindy Cieslak, & John Herrington were invited into executive session. Items 10-11 were discussed in Executive Session.

At 9:38 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:38 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Coffey