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

**DATE:** July 7, 2021

**PRESENT:**

Chairman Peter Adomeit  
Trustee Michael Carey  
Trustee Robert Coffey  
Trustee Michael O'Brien  
Martha Carlson, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member  
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 8:43 a.m. Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

At 8:44 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey to amend the agenda to include the following items:

- I. New Business
  - a. Public Session: Discussion regarding uncashed checks.
  - b. Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation
    1. Ronald Johnson v. SERC – pending litigation.
    2. Update to public meeting requirements – written legal opinion.
    3. Process for Identifying Municipalities That Have Ceased Enrollment of New Employees in CMERS – written legal opinion.
    4. Interpretation of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-438 – written legal opinion.
    5. Douglas Latham appeal – written legal opinion.
    6. Ralph Tedesco v. SERC – pending litigation.
    7. Catherine Crandle v. SERC – pending litigation.
    8. Marianna Grzeszczyk v. SERC – pending litigation.
- II. Adjournment

All voted in favor.

At 8:46 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor.

At 8:48 a.m., Mr. Adomeit called for New Business. Ms. Carlson discussed a member who had not cashed his retirement checks for a significant period of time, the discussions she has had with him, and the administrative steps the Retirement Services Division has taken to address this issue.

**Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation**

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8. Marianna Grzeszczyk v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 8:59 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing Item 3. All voted in favor. Bruce Barth, Martha Carlson, Cindy Cieslak, John Herrington, Michael Rose, and Alisha Sullivan were invited into executive session for purposes of discussing Item 3.

At 9:03 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

At 9:03 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing Item 4. All voted in favor. Bruce Barth, Martha Carlson, Cindy Cieslak, John Herrington, Michael Rose, and Alisha Sullivan were invited into executive session for purposes of discussing Item 4.

At 9:33 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

At 9:33 a.m. Ms. Carlson left the meeting.

At 9:34 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-2 and 5-8. All voted in favor. Cindy Cieslak, John Herrington, and Michael Rose were invited into executive session for purposes of discussing Items 1-2 and 5-8. Bruce Barth and Alisha Sullivan were invited into executive session for purposes of discussing Items 1-2 and following that discussion Bruce Barth and Alisha Sullivan left the meeting. Michael Rose left the meeting at approximately 9:45 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

No action was taken regarding the items discussed in executive session.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 10:15 a.m., Mr. O'Brien moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Coffey