STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
LEGAL & PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

JUNE 10, 2020 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:34 a.m.

Present:
Peter Adomeit, Chairman
Robert Coffey, Trustee
Michael Carey, Trustee
Cindy Cieslak, Commission Counsel, Rose Kallor
Michael Rose, Commission Counsel, Rose Kallor
Bruce Barth, Commission Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
Alisha Sullivan,
   Commission Tax Counsel, Robinson & Cole
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director
John Garrett, Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting

Karen Vibert, LSR #00064

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(Proceeding commenced at 8:34 a.m.)

MR. ADOMEIT: We'll call the meeting to order. We need a motion to go into executive -- I guess we need to approve the agenda, first of all.

MR. BARTH: I don't have the agenda in front of me, but if the equity refund issue was on the agenda, we should take it off.

MS. CIESLAK: It is on the agenda.

MR. BARTH: We should remove that.

MR. ADOMEIT: Which number is that, Cindy?

MS. CIESLAK: No. 4.

MR. ADOMEIT: My agenda is out of date. I have Hartford Housing as my first item.

MS. CIESLAK: Yes, that's still the first item. The item Bruce is talking about is listed as No. 4, equity refunds exclusion ratio.

MR. ADOMEIT: I need to forget about it now, correct?

MS. CIESLAK: It's there and someone should move to amend the agenda and to remove it from the agenda.

MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Thank you.

Do I hear such a motion?

MR. COFFEY: I'll move to approve the
agenda as posted on the comptroller's website, with
the amendment to remove item No. 4, equity refunds
exclusion ratio.

MR. CAREY: Second.

MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye. The
ayes have it.

Okay. We need now to go into
executive session.

MR. COFFEY: I'll move to go into
executive session with regard to all remaining items
on the executive session agenda, and invite legal
counsel, as well as John Herrington and
John Garrett, if he arrives, for whatever particular
matter he's going to participate in.

MR. CAREY: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: For discussion -- Peter, do
you mind if we have a brief discussion?

MR. ADOMEIT: Sorry. Any discussion?

MS. CIESLAK: I want to add that
John Garrett just said hi. Good morning, John.

MR. GARRETT: Good morning, Cindy.

MS. CIESLAK: We have asked John Garrett
to participate in item 1, Hartford Housing
Authority, and I would also like him to stay for
item 2, CMERS liability allocation.
MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Understood.

Are we now in executive session?

MS. CIESLAK: We need a vote on the motion.

MR. ADOMEIT: We need a vote on the motion. I confuse easily at 8:30 in the morning.

All in favor say aye. The ayes have it. It's unanimous.

(The Subcommittee was in executive session from 8:35 a.m. until 10:28 a.m.)

MS. CIESLAK: I have turned the recording on. Please be reminded to announce who is speaking for the recording and the transcript.

MR. ADOMEIT: Thank you, Cindy. Are there any motions?

MR. COFFEY: Yes. With regard to the Dawn Lapan matter, I move that we recommend to the Commission that it reconsider the Lapan matter and also recommend that the Commission refer it to the Purchasing Subcommittee.

MR. CAREY: I second.

MR. ADOMEIT: Is there any discussion?

All in favor say aye. Unanimous, the ayes have it.

Okay. Thank you.

MR. COFFEY: With regard to the Cicarella
matter, I move that we recommend to the Commission that it remand Cicarella's application to the MEB for a final review with a specific directive that although the MEB remains independent from the Workers' Compensation Commission and its standard, the CMERS disability statute requires it to consider municipal service -- municipal service to connected disability applications pursuant to a standard defined by the Workers' Compensation Act; therefore, the MEB should consider if she meets the standard and expressly address this analysis.

MR. CAREY: Second.

MR. ADOMEIT: Very good. Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. Unanimous, the ayes have it.

MR. COFFEY: With respect to the Jacqueline Lawrence matter, I move that we recommend to the Commission that it remand the Lawrence matter to the MEB.

MR. CAREY: Second.

MR. ADOMEIT: All right. All in favor say aye. Opposed? This is unanimous. The ayes have it.

MR. COFFEY: With respect to the Grzeszcyk matter, I recommend that -- I move that we recommend
to the Commission that it authorize Commission
counsel to start working on a draft declaratory
ruling in this matter.

MR. CAREY: Second.

MR. ADOMEIT: Any further discussion?

Hearing none, all in favor say aye. Unanimous. The
ayes have it.

MR. COFFEY: That's all I have, Peter.

MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. That's enough. I
guess New Business is not on here, so I won't call
for any New Business. I think we are in danger of
being at the end of the agenda.

MR. COFFEY: With that, I'll move that we
adjourn.

MR. CAREY: I second.

MR. ADOMEIT: Thank you, both. All in
favor say aye. Unanimous. The ayes have it. Thank
you all very much. It was a very productive day.

(Concluded at 10:32 am.)
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Karen Vibert, Notary Public  
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