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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
LEGAL & PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

MARCH 10, 2021 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 8:39 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Peter Adomeit, Chair
Michael Carey
Robert Coffey

Also Present:

Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor, General Counsel to the State
Retirement Services Division
Michael Rose, Rose Kallor, General Counsel to the State
Retirement Services Division
Alisha Sullivan, Robinson & Cole, tax counsel to the
Retirement Services Division
Bruce Barth, Robinson & Cole, tax counsel to the
Retirement Services Division
John Harrington, Retirement Services Division Director

Court Reporter: Theresa Bergstrand, CSR #406

1 (The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m.)

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3 MS. CIESLAK: And you have the attendance. I do
4 think I hit record one second after you had called the
5 meeting to order. So at 8:39 Peter Adomeit called the
6 meeting to order. Present we have Chairman Peter
7 Adomeit, Trustee Michael Carey, Trustee Robert Coffey,
8 John Harrington Division Retirement, Retirement Services
9 Division Director, Bruce Barth and Alisha Sullivan, both
10 from Robinson and Cole, tax counsel to the Retirement
11 Commission, and Michael Rose and Cindy Cieslak from Rose
12 Kallor, General Counsel to the Retirement Commission.

13 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. We need some motions to amend
14 the agenda. I guess the first one, well, Mike, you
15 should probably make that motion.

16 MR. CAREY: So I would like to move that we amend
17 the agenda for today's meeting to discuss in Executive
18 Session the legal memo that we have received regarding
19 the West Hartford CMERS question.

20 MR. COFFEY: I'll second that.

21 MR. ADOMEIT: All right. All in favor say aye. It
22 is unanimous, the aye's have it.

23 We need two more additions. Number two on your
24 agenda, Town inquiry regarding CMERS. We need a motion
25 to amend the agenda to add that, please.

1 MR. COFFEY: This is Rob, so moved, add Town
2 inquiry CMERS to the agenda.

3 MR. CAREY: And this is Mike Carey, I second that.

4 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor say aye. So,
5 unanimous.

6 We need a motion to item number three, electronic
7 signatures.

8 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob, I move to add item number
9 three, electronic signatures.

10 MR. CAREY: This is Mike, I second.

11 MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye. It is
12 unanimous.

13 On your schedule, on the document that I have that
14 Cindy sent out, I have one through six, and then I have
15 one, two and three at the bottom. Does your agendas,
16 agendi, have the same thing? The one, two, three on the
17 bottom should be seven, eight, nine.

18 MR. COFFEY: Mine is from an e-mail from yesterday
19 at 5:15. It has one through nine with the Latham appeal
20 removed.

21 MR. ADOMEIT: Yeah, okay.

22 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak, I would
23 recommend one more motion to amend the agenda to remove
24 the Latham appeal from the agenda that was posted.

25 MR. ADOMEIT: Thank you, Cindy. Do we hear such a

1 motion?

2 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob, I move that we remove the
3 Douglas Latham appeal from the agenda.

4 MR. CAREY: And this is Mike, I second that.

5 MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye. It is
6 unanimous.

7 Then finally, I guess, a motion to approve the
8 agenda as amended.

9 MR. COFFEY: I move that we approve the agenda as
10 amended.

11 MR. CAREY: And this is Mike, second.

12 MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye. It is
13 unanimous.

14 We should do West Hartford first. So I'll call on
15 the West Hartford issue first.

16 MR. CAREY: I think we need to move, go into
17 Executive Session.

18 MR. ADOMEIT: You are absolutely correct.

19 MR. CAREY: So I will move that we go into
20 Executive Session to discuss items one through -- how
21 many do we have? Seven?

22 MS. CIESLAK: I believe it is 10 items.

23 MR. CAREY: Ten -- to discuss items one through ten
24 in Executive Session, and to invite in Mike Rose, Cindy
25 Cieslak, Alisha Sullivan, Bruce Barth and John

1 Harrington.

2 MR. COFFEY: I second.

3 MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye. Opposed, nay.
4 The aye's have it. All right.

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6 (Whereupon Executive Session took place.)

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8 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Motion time.

9 MR. CAREY: So in the Le-Jones' matter, I would
10 like to make the following motion, that the subcommittee
11 recommend to the full commission as follows; decline the
12 request for a declaratory ruling and instruct the
13 division to send the matter to the MEB for their review.

14 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

15 MR. ADOMEIT: Any further discussion? Hearing
16 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed, nay. It is
17 unanimous.

18 Okay. We need one on electronic signatures.

19 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob, I move that we recommend
20 to the Commission that it permit the Division to accept
21 electronic signatures for retirement, on retirement
22 forms, with the exception of the Spousal Waiver Form,
23 which must be, which must be signed and, I believe,
24 witnessed in person.

25 MR. ADOMEIT: That's correct.

1 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

2 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Any further discussion?
3 Hearing none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay.

4 The next thing is Marquez.

5 MR. COFFEY: This is Bob, I move that we deny the
6 Marquez Request for Reconsideration -- I recommend to
7 the Commission that it deny her Request for
8 Consideration, Reconsideration.

9 MR. LUCIANO: Sal Luciano, second.

10 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. All in favor say aye.
11 Opposed, nay. The aye's have it.

12 Those are my notes on the motions. Okay. I guess
13 we are through with old business in the agenda.

14 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to adjourn.

15 MR. ADOMEIT: Thank you, Sal. All in favor say
16 aye.

17 MR. CAREY: I'll second it and then say aye.

18 MR. ADOMEIT: I saw you smiling, Mike, I thought
19 that was the second.

20 MR. CAREY: That's it.

21 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. The aye's have it.

22 MR. CAREY: Thanks everybody.

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24 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 9:59
25 a.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Theresa Bergstrand, CSR, a Notary Public for the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the preceding pages are an accurate transcription of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission, Legal & Personnel Subcommittee meeting held electronically via Zoom, convening at 8:39 a.m., on March 10, 2021.

WITNESS my hand this 9th day of July, 2021.



Theresa Bergstrand, CSR
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