

CONNECTICUT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

TRB SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2025

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Clare: I would like to welcome everybody to the January 22, 2025 special board meeting. This is not a regularly scheduled board meeting. But this is a board meeting that we must hold because

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Clare: we've been asked to issue a ruling.

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Clare: and it has to be done in an executive session, because most of the information in there is confidential, and it concerns

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Clare: one of our members, and so we will have to open the meeting like now and then move into executive session. So, the Board, who's already received this information and you know what it is, you've read it and hopefully understand it, and can ask any questions and stuff that you want of our attorney, or anybody.

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Clare: and then render our decision, and then we will

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Clare: close out executive session, come back to the regular meeting, and then put our decision on the books at the regular meeting and adjourn.

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Clare: So that really will be it.

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Clare: It has no other.

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Charles Higgins: No.

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Clare: Purpose. There are no other agenda items, so that really will be today's business.

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Clare: So, I would entertain a motion to go into executive session.

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Jon Moss: So, moved.

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Clare: Wait a minute.

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Clare: Is that how I do it, Helen? Is that right?

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Helen: Yup. Javiel is going to keep the executive meeting, Naomi's going to keep this Zoom Meeting open because it's a public board meeting. You all received another link in step 2. So if you could close out of this Zoom Meeting and go into the executive session, Javiel's waiting to let everybody in for board members.

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Virginia E. McGarrity: Helen. I did not. I did not receive the other link to join and if you just confirm, I'm invited to join the executive session as Counsel.

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Helen: It should be. Step 2 on the invite step. One in the email gave instructions on how to enter the board meeting. Step 2 was the link for the executive session. Do you need me to forward it? I can forward it to folks.

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Jon Moss: It's in the email that we got yesterday with the document.

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Carrie Cassady: Yeah, no, I'm looking at. Do I like, actually like, leave this meeting entirely. Okay, just I wanted to double check that. Thank you.

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Helen: Yes.

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Virginia E. McGarrity: I don't...

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Helen: Finish the vote. We need to finish the vote. We're officially, you're officially voting to go into executive session. I just want to get that on the books for you.

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Carrie Cassady: Okay, yes.

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Clare: Okay. Got it.

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Virginia E. McGarrity: And Helen, I don't have the email. Okay.

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Helen: I will resend it to you right now, Virginia, you got it.

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Virginia E. McGarrity: Thank you.

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Clare: Helen, we've taken the vote, are we in executive session, or what.

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Helen: You need to. You need to

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Helen: vote. We need to do the final vote for executive session and everybody needs to exit out.

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Helen: There was a motion.

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Helen: The votes complete. We can announce that the votes complete, and let's go into executive session.

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Clare: Okay, so where are we in that process?

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Helen: Everyone motioned to go into executive session. So, let's move into executive session.

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Clare: Okay, do we have to.

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Helen: You need to log out of this meeting and go into the second link that you received to go into executive session

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Helen: so close out of this Zoom Meeting, and you have to go into the executive session link.

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Carrie Cassady: Okay.

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Helen: Okay.

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Helen: So, you're going to leave this zoom and go into the

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Helen: leave this meeting and go into the executive session.

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Clare: Yep, Naomi, Helen, let us know when we're all back.

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Jon Moss: Mary, Beth.

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Clare: Helen, are we all back yet?

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TRB IT: I don't think we have Helen actually, at the moment we're still waiting on Helen.

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TRB IT: All right. Helen is now back.

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Clare: Okay.

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Helen: You had to have, Javiel. I got kicked out. Sorry about that, guys. I'm not. Everybody got in like Javiel. I'm grayed out. Won't let me in.

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Clare: Don't worry. John tells me we're improving. We're improving.

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Helen: You guys, you guys are doing great? It's me.

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Clare: We're back.

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Helen: Yes, we're back.

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Clare: Everybody back.

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Clare: Okay, we're back into the public session. The board has been asked at this meeting to render a decision

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Clare: on behalf of a member, and the Board has

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Clare: reviewed the materials, and the Board has met with their attorney.

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Clare: Our attorney in executive session went over all of the details of this. The Board has is now ready to render that decision, so the Chair would entertain a motion.

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Clare: to accept the decision. So do we have a member who will

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Clare: push that forward and second it.

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Charles Higgins: So moved.

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Virginia E. McGarrity: And I'll.

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Clare: Just.

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Virginia E. McGarrity: Before we proceed with the vote, I'll just frame the motion.

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Clare: Okay, we just need a second on it, too. So, we have a second.

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Clare: Thank you. Okay, go ahead.

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Clare: Introduce yourself, too. So, we know on there, we know on the board, but you know.

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Virginia E. McGarrity: Virginia McGarrity tax and benefits Legal Counsel to the TRB from Robinson and Cole.

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Virginia E. McGarrity: The petitioner here requested a ruling on the retroactive application of an amendment to Connecticut. General Statute section 1,183 Aah. To the petitioner's Disability benefit application.

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Virginia E. McGarrity: The Board has determined that the statute, as amended, was not applied to the member's application, and the members appeal was denied as untimely. Accordingly, the Board is passing a motion to refrain from issuing a declaratory ruling on that basis.

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Clare: Okay, thank you. Virginia. Any other questions?

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Charles Higgins: My motion is to adopt what Virginia just said. Right.

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Clare: Right. That is correct. Thanks, Charlie.

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Clare: Yes, and it's been moved and seconded. Discussion. Any other questions for Virginia or anyone.

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Clare: All right. All those in favor signify by saying, Aye.

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Jon Moss: All right.

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Clare: Opposed, abstentions?

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Clare: All right, we thank board members for that. There is no more business before the Board, Virginia. We thank you for all of your hard work. And we thank the board members, too, because you had to do some reading and research and some deliberation and everything today. And you had to take time out for a special meeting. So, at this time the board would entertain a motion to adjourn.

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Edwin Vargas: So moved.

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Mary-Beth Lang: Second.

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Clare's iPad 5: All right, all those.

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Helen: Thank you.

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Charles Higgins: Bye, bye.

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Clare: Opposed.

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Helen: Thank you. Everyone.

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Clare: Alright. Thank you all very much. Thank you, Helen.

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Charles Higgins: Thank you. Thank you.

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Jon Moss: Take care!

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Clare: Thank you. Board members.