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Dear Mr. Marotta,

Pursuant to R.C. 3309.041, we have reviewed the draft revisions of the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio ("SERS") Education, Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy, focusing on the changes you highlighted in your email and attachments that we received on September 19, 2025.

As you noted, there were three changes in the Policy. First, the policy deletes reference to Ohio Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion No. 91-010 because the Commission overruled this precedent in Advisory Opinion No. 2025-02. The other changes were the removal of requirement that Board and staff members complete a conference or seminar evaluation form and the removal of outdated language regarding telephone use reimbursement.

Upon review of these proposed changes, we did not identify anything that would create any issues under the Ethics Laws and related statutes, including Chapter 102 and R.C. 2921.42 and 2921.43.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Nick
Executive Director