

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, April 23, 2021, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. Circumstances created by the COVID-19 virus have resulted in all Medical Examining Board meetings are being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.

ABSENT:

Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Nicolai Lieders, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	So Sokpoleak, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division
Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission Rose Kallor, LLP.

Please note that a portion of the meeting was conducted in executive session as the focus of the meeting was the medical condition(s) of each Disability Retirement applicant.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called meeting to order at 9:14 am.
Dr. Rudich motioned, and Dr. Parekh seconded to amend the agenda to:
Add Joshua Malaro at 9:14 am.

Dr. Rudich motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Parekh at 9:15 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. William Keeney and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:52 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 10:56 am.
2. Attorney Colleen Casini appeared on behalf of Wanda Robinson on Zoom before the Board at 10:56 am. Attorney Casini made a statement and then she was excused by the Board at 11:03 am.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Johnson at 11:08 am

THOMAS BANULSKI D- 13138 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to deny Thomas Banulski's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN BLANCHARD D- 13139 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to deny John Blanchard's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TERRENCE BROWN JR. D- 12954 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Terrence Brown, Jr.'s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DONNA DIMAURO D- 11797 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny Donna DiMauro's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JODI ERDOS D- 12850 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to table Jodi Erdos' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PAUL FAULKNER D- 13124 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny Paul Faulkner's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BARBARA GILBLAIR D- 13134 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Barbara Gilblair's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL GRATE D- 13140 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Michael Grate's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAY HANKINS MD- 1630 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Jay Hankins' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBORAH JETT-HARRIS D- 12949 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Deborah Jett-Harris' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM KENNEY D- 12294 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny William Kenney's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSHUA MALARO MD- 1626 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Joshua Malaro's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SEAMUS OATIS D- 13195 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Seamus Oatis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KYLE PARKINSON D- 13115 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Kyle Parkinson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHERYL REED D- 13098 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to deny Cheryl Reed's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WANDA ROBINSON D- 12880 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Wanda Robinson's for a Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHERRI US MD- 1631 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Sherri Us' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KEITH WHITE D- 13145 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny Keith White's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DWAYNE YON MD- 1505 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Dwayne Yon's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 am. Motion approved unanimously.