

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on August 11, 2023, 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:

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
Frank Gerratana, M.D.  
Sheldon Nova, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.	Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.	Poleak So, M.D.
	Manny Katsetos, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division  
Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services 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 9:19 am.

Dr. Nova motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 9:20 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. There was a brief 5-minute break.

1. David Chupcavich and Attorney David Rintoul appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:29 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:32 pm.
2. Kristen Heywood-Miller and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:33 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:38 pm.

- Richard Rusiecki and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:42 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:56 pm.

Dr. Nova motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 12:57 pm.

DAVID BUDRAWICH MD- 1684 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny David Budrawich's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROSLYN CAMPBELL D- 13619 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED(POSTH)  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Roslyn Campbell's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAVID CHUPCAVICH D- 13150 SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve David Chupcavich's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JUDY DION D- 13579 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Judy Dion's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL GALLICCHIO D- 13567 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Michael Gallicchio's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HENRY HAMPTON D- 13575 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Henry Hampton's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT HAUGHTON MD- 1685 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Robert Haughton's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTEN HEYWOOD-MILLER D- 13405 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Kristen Heyward-Miller's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARVIN HILL D- 13565 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Marvin Hill's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLLEEN JOHNSON D- 13298 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Colleen Johnson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TONYAKEITH-WEST D- 13577 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Tonya Keith-West's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUSAN MARTIN D- 13563 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Susan Martin's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PERSIO MARTINEZ D- 13569 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Persio Martinez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUSAN MOHL D- 13572 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Susan Mohl's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANNIE PERRY D- 13433 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Annie Perry's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHELLE PLOURDE (DAVIS) D- 13154 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Michelle Plourde(Davis)' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RUTH QUALE D- 13570 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Ruth Quale's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD RUSIECKI D- 13416 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Richard Rusiecki's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HAMAL SPRINGER D- 13580 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED(POSTH.)  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Hamal Springer's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TARA STEVENSON D- 13568 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Tara Stevenson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBRA TRIMACHI D- 13562 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Debra Trimachi's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Gerratana abstains.

JEFTE VAZQUEZ D- 13576 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Jefte Vazquez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 pm. Motion approved unanimously.