

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, August 13, 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:

Eric T. Shore, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
Richard Blum, M.D.  
Poleak So, M.D.

ABSENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.	J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, 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 9:05 am.

Dr. Shore motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. So at 9:05 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Debra Tulisano and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:00 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:08 am.

Dr. Shore motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Blum at 11:15 am.

MARGARET CRAGIN                      D- 13236                      NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Margaret Cragin's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FALEISHA JOHNSON                      D- 13194                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Faleisha Johnson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PETER KOVAL                              MD- 1637                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Peter Koval's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RONALD MAIA                              D- 13235                      NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Ronald Maia's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TRACY MAILHOT                              D- 13203                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Tracy Mailhot's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KEHLEN MORGAN                              D- 13207                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Kehlen Morgan's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MATTHEW MORRISSETTE                      D- 13223                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Matthew Morrissette's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BEVERLY NEALY                              D- 13220                      NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Beverly Nealy's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BERNARD OKSENBERG                      MD- 1638                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Bernard Oksenberg's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAVID PALACIOS                              D- 13237                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve David Palacios' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER PANASCI                      D- 13222                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Christopher Panasci's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RACHELLE PERUSSE                      D- 13225                      NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Rachele Perusse's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

JEFFREY RANCIATO                      D- 13216                      NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Jeffrey Ranciato's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

CHRIS ROCANELLO                      D- 13217                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to table Chris Rocanello's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion  
approved unanimously.

ROBERT SCHLINK, JR.                      D- 13212                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Robert Schlink, Jr's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER SOUCIER                      D- 13215                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to table Christopher Soucier's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

DEIRDRE TEAGUE                      D- 13213                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Deirdre Teague's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion  
approved unanimously.

DEBRATULISANO                      D- 12926                      SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Debra Tulisano's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Blum moved, seconded by Dr. Shore to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am. Motion approved unanimously.