

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on December 16, 2022, 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:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.

ABSENT:

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Frank Gerratana, M.D.
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.	Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.	Poleak So, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division
Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
William Cassada, Disability Retirement 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 9:04 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Katsetos at 9:05 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 break at 10:24 am. until 10:28 am.

1. Gustavo Sanchez Toledo and Attorney Russell Zimmerman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:31 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 10:36 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Shore at 10:39 am.

LAURIE BLEU MD- 1573 SERVICE-CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Laurie Bleau's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT BROWN MD- 1665 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Robert Brown's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WAYNE CAMPBELL D- 12577 SERVICE-CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Wayne Campbell's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CYNTHIA CIESIELSKI D- 12026 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Cynthia Ciesielski's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CASILDA DE LOS SANTOS D- 11853 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Casilda De Los Santos' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOANNE GUAY D- 13413 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Joanne Guay's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NAVEEN HASSAM D- 12205 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Naveen Hassam's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN JACKSON MD- 1529 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny John Jackman's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TYWANNA JOHNSON D- 13404 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Tywana Johnson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANDRA JONES D- 12058 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Sandra Jones' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SCHMID JOSEPH D- 12652 SERVICE-CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Schmid Joseph's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTINA KACZOROWSKI D- 13362 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Kristina Kaczorowski's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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

LOURDES MONTALVO D- 13452 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Lourdes Montalvo's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER POWERS MD- 1668 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Christopher Powers' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RUDY RECINOS D- 13232 SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Rudy Recinos' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

AMY RUSSO-ZEHALL D- 13474 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Amy Russo-Zehall's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GUSTAVO SANCHEZ TOLEDO D- 13048 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Gustavo Sanchez Toledo's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD SCHELLER D- 13458 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Richard Scheller's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JILL SIZENSKY D- 13461 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Jill Sizensky's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TERESA SKAFF D- 13435 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Teresa Skaff's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TAMMY STEWART D- 13486 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Tammy Stewart's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am. Motion approved unanimously.