

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, November 20, 2020, 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  
Richard Blum, M.D.  
So Sokpoleak, M.D.

ABSENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.  
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.  
Frank Gerratana, M.D.  
Fielding Johnson, M.D.  
Sheldon Nova, M.D.  
Dr. Ralph Rosenberg  
Manny Katsetos, M.D.  
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.

Sachin Parekh, M.D.  
Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.  
Rita Ohene-Adjei, 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 9:07am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Blum at 9:08 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Anne Carey, Jan Brisco, Kristine Provost and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:00 am. Anne Carey and Attorney Zimmerlin made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 10:06 am.

2. Linda Cicarella and Attorney Russell Zimmerman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:04 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:18 pm.
3. Julie Randino and Attorney Zimmerman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:20 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:33 pm.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Blum at 12:39 pm.

KRISTOPHER BREEN                      D- 13061                      SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Kristopher Breen's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANNE CAREY                              D- 12665                      SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Anne Carey's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EUGENE CASIVANT                      D- 12911                      SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Eugene Casivant's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LINDA CICARELLA                      MD- 1560                      SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Linda Cicarella's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WANDA DOIRON                              D- 13073                      SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Wanda Doiron's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LINDA GABIANELLI                      D- 13075                      NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Linda Gabianelli's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBORAH JETT-HARRIS                      D- 12949                      SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Deborah Jett-Harris' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM JULIAN                              D- 13076                      SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve William Julian's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER KELLY                      D- 13043                      CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Christopher Kelly's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBRA LEGGO                              D- 13078                      NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Debra Leggo's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TRACEY MARQUIS D- 13119 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Tracey Marquis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

IRENE MARQUIS D- 13015 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Irene Marquis' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSEPH MOORE D- 13013 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Joseph Moore's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NIKOL MORRISSEY D- 13054 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Nikol Morrissey's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JULIE RANDINO D- 12636 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to table Julie Randino's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANNMARIE RANKINS D- 13068 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Annmarie Rankins' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS RICE D- 13072 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Thomas Rice's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LINDA RODRIQUEZ D- 13064 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Linda Rodriguez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER ST. JACQUES D- 13069 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Christopher St. Jacques' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA SULLIVAN D- 13117 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Lisa Sullivan's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT WILSON D- 13071 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Robert Wilson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEAN WOJCIK D- 13070 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Dean Wojcik's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 pm. Motion approved unanimously.