

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, December 4, 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:

Nikolai Lieders, M.D., CO-CHAIRPERSON  
Manny Katsetos, M.D., CO-CHAIRPERSON  
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

ABSENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.	Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.
Marianne Wudarsky, M.D.	So Sokpoleak, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.	Debra Pollack, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division  
Annette Sadlowski, Supervisor Disability Retirement  
Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division  
William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division  
Faith Murray, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division  
Cindy Ceislak, 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 9:08 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 9:10 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 10:58 am until 10:59 am.

1. Laurine and Michelle Avalos appeared before the Board at 9:39 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 9:51 am.
2. Karen Kangas and Meghan Currier appeared before the Board at 10:36 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 10:55 am.
3. Todd Krasinsky and Attorney David Rintoul and Sal Rafanelli appeared before the Board at 11:31 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:58 am.

4. Elvis Lopez appeared before the Board at 12:18 pm. He made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 12:38 pm.
5. Cordelia Thorpe appeared before the Board at 12:55 pm. She made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 1:16 pm.
6. Cordelia Thorpe and Mia Franklin appeared before the Board at 1:19 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:24 pm.
7. Vincent Verrillo appeared before the Board at 2:00 pm. He made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 2:15 pm.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Katsetos at 2:20 pm.

LAURINE AVALOS                      D- 6808                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT(RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to continue the disability of Laurine Avalos. Motion approved unanimously.

KAREN KANGAS                      D- 9355                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to discontinue the disability of Karen Kangas. Motion approved unanimously.

TODD KRASINSKY                      D- 7981                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT(RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to discontinue the disability of Todd Krasinsky. Motion approved unanimously.

ELVIS LOPEZ                      D- 11992                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to discontinue the disability of Elvis Lopez. Motion approved unanimously.

CORDELIA THORPE                      D- 7887                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to table the disability of Cordelia Thorpe. Motion approved unanimously.

ANA TRAMMELL                      D- 9463                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to table the disability of Ana Trammell. Motion approved unanimously.

VINCENT VERRILLO                      D- 6218                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to table the disability of Vincent Verrillo. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 pm.