

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, February 19, 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:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
Richard Blum, M.D.  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

ABSENT:

Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	So Sokpoleak, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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 9:03 am.  
Dr. Lieders motioned, and Dr. Blum seconded to amend the agenda to:  
Add Christopher Godialis at 9:05 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. Shore at 9:05 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. Robert Helfand left the meeting at 10:58 am.

1. Timothy Walsh and Attorney Ivan Ramos appeared on Zoom before the Board at 9:11 am. Attorney Ramos made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 9:17 am.
2. Yolanda Cruz appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:25 am. She made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 11:26 am.
3. Gail Gadsden and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:27 am. Attorney Zimmerlin made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:31 am.

4. Dannette Rodriguez and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:32 am. Attorney Zimmerlin made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:36 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Shore at 11:38 am

TIMOTHY AUSBERGER                    D- 13091                    NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Timothy Ausburger'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 table Wayne Campbell's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KOREN CATCHINGS                    D- 13102                    SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Koren Catchings' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARK CLARK                    D- 13110                    Non-Service Connected  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Mark Clark's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

YOLANDA CRUZ                    D- 12923                    SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Yolanda Cruz's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ELIZABETH FERNANDEZ                    D- 13091                    NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Elizabeth Fernandez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GAIL GADSDEN                    D- 12841                    NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Gail Gadsden's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER GODIALIS                    D- 13168                    NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (Posth.)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Christopher Godialis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RAFAEL GONZALEZ                    D- 13127                    SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Rafael Gonzalez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TAHIRA GORDON                    D- 13095                    SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Tahira Gordon's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DANIEL GRAVES                    D- 13096                    NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Daniel Graves' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KAISHAWDA HOLLEY D- 13100 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to table Kaishawda Holley's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

BRIAN KELLY D- 13123 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Brian Kelly's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN KING D- 13093 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny John King's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HORTENSE MORAIS D- 13097 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Hortense Morais' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SOUKANYA PECK D- 13120 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Soukanya Peck's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

JO-ANN POMO D- 13082 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Jo-ann Pomo's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

FRANK RIZZITELLI D- 13106 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Frank Rizzitelli's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DANNETTE RODRIGUEZ D- 12586 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Dannette Rodriguez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

DARREN TREADWELL D- 13088 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Darren Treadwell's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TIMOTHY WALSH D- 12892 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Timothy Walsh's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

JACQUELINE WATFORD D- 13089 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Jacqueline Watford's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLLEEN WHITE D- 13109 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Colleen White's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

EDGAR WYNKOOP D- 13143 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Edgar Wynkoop's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 am.. Motion approved unanimously.