

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, January 22, 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
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

ABSENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Richard Blum, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	So Sopoleak, 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 9:04 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. Geratana at 9:05 am. There was a brief break at 11:07 am until 11:09 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Thomas Kuntz, Attorney Martha Triplett and Attorney Terence Zemetis appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:07 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:20 am.
2. Delondra Munn and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:21 am. She made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:27 am.
3. James Orifice and Attorney Jon August appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:29 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:32 am.

4. Autumn Waggoner and Attorney Andrew Houlding appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:34 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:50 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg at 11:51 am

JEFFREY BARRETT D- 13021 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve Jeffrey Barrett's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GEORGE DENNING D- 12992 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve George Denning's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

IRMA FRANCIS D- 12774 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (Reconsideration)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Irma Francis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHAYNE HAWKINS D- 13085 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve Chayne Hawkins' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CALVIN JOHNSON D- 12995 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve Calvin Johnson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS KUNTZ D- 12944 SERVICE-CONNECTED (Reconsideration)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Thomas Kuntz's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARMEN LASALLE D- 13099 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to deny Carmen LaSalle's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LOUISE LEE D- 12492 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to deny Louise Lee's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DONNA MALDONADO D- 12820 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Donna Maldonado's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DELONDRA MUNN D- 12771 SERVICE-CONNECTED(Reconsideration)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Delondra Munn's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BARBARELLEN OLSON D- 12602 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve Barbarellen Olson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES ORIFICE MD- 1613 SERVICE-CONNECTED(Reconsideration)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve James Orifice's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

JESUS ORTIZ JR MD- 1625 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Jesus Ortiz Jr's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTINE PANTANELLA D- 13014 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve Christine Pantanella's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NELSON PEREZ D- 13060 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve Nelson Perez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

ELSA PEREZ DE ORTIZ D- 12936 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(Reconsideration)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve Elsa Perez de Ortiz's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES RILEY D- 13086 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny James Riley's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

KEVIN RIVENBURGH D- 13104 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to approve Kevin Rivenburgh's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THEDA SCOTT D- 13080 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Theda Scott's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANA SMITH D- 13126 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Ana Smith's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

KELLY SWIATOWIEC D- 13101 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to deny Kelly Swiatowiec's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

NIRMALA TADEPALLI D- 13059 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to deny Nirmala Tadepalli's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PATRICIA TARGETT D- 12999 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to deny Patricia Targett's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

AUTUMN WAGGONER MD- 1615 SERVICE-CONNECTED(Reconsideration)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Autumn Waggoner's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LARRY WILSON D- 13079 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana, to deny Larry Wilson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Geratana to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 pm. Motion approved unanimously.