

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on January 7, 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:

Sachin Parekh, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Poleak So, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, 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
Robin Kallor, 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 9:09 am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Galvin at 9:10 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 10:08 am. There were two brief breaks at 10:49 am until 10:54 am., and again at 12:05 pm until 12:07 pm.

1. Rosemary Andrade and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:56 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:01 am.
2. Marlon Blackwood and Attorney Russell appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:02 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:07 am.
3. Mayra Holbrook and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:11 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:16 am.

4. Michael Lane and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:17 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:21 am.
5. Sandra Lucier and Attorney Russell Zimmerman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:22 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:27 am.
6. Justin Pizzonia and Attorney Russell Zimmerman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:28 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:33 am.
7. Cheryl Taylor and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:34 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:42 am.
8. Carlos Gonzalez appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:43 am. He made a statement and then he was excused by the Board at 11:50 am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Galvin at 12:14 pm.

ROSEMARY ANDRADE D- 13057 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Rosemary Andrade's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS BAKER D- 13131 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Thomas Baker's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GIFTY BEDIAKO D- 11212 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Gifty Bediako's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LANCE BENNETT D- 13317 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Lance Bennett's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARLON BLACKWOOD D- 12987 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Marlon Blackwood's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHARLENE DARBY D- 13284 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi to deny Charlene Darby's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FATIMA ENNIS D- 13305 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Fatima Ennis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARLOS GONZALEZ D- 13241 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Carlos Gonzalez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM HERNANDEZ D- 13292 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve William Hernandez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MAYRA HOLBROOK D- 12859 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to table Mayra Holbrook's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROPHY HOMICIL D- 13282 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Rophy Homicil's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL LANE D- 12654 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Michael Lane's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANDRA LUCIER D- 13148 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Sandra Lucier's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JUSTIN PIZZONIA D- 11460 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Justin Pizzonia's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NATHAN ROBINSON D- 13295 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Nathan Robinson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NANCY STEFANSKI D- 13285 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Nancy Stefanski's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHERYL TAYLOR D- 13040 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to table Cheryl Taylor's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JULIANE WINIARSKI D- 13323 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Juliane Winiarski's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 pm. Motion approved unanimously.