

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

CORRECTION

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on July 15, 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:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	Nicolai Lieders, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Poleak So, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division
Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services 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. Rudich motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 9:05 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

Dr. Zahedi motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 10:51 am.

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CARLARTMAN D- 13354 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Carl Artman's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS BANULSKI D- 13138 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Thomas Banulski's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

AHMED BEDIR D- 13366 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Ahmed Bedir's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARK BROWN D- 13352 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Mark Brown's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ERNEST DANEK D- 13363 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Ernest Danek's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSE GIL D- 13378 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Jose Gil's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MANUEL GOMES D- 13011 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Manuel Gomes' entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KEVIN HOLLORAN D- 13336 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Kevin Holloran's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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

LORI LAPRISE D- 13355 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Lori Laprise's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANGEL MARTINEZ D- 13345 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Angel Martinez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM MIHALIAK D- 13350 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny William Mihaliak's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CINDY NOEL D- 13376 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Cindy Noel's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL OTERO D- 13364 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Michael Otero's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTINE PANTELLA D- 13014 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Christine Pantella's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HEATHER PRESCOTT D- 13348 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Heather Prescott's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARGIE SOTO D- 13340 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Margie Soto's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LINDA TURGEON D- 12778 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Linda Turgeon's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUCIEN VAILLANT D- 13351 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Lucien Vaillant's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am. Motion approved unanimously.