

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, July 16, 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:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Poleak So, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.

ABSENT:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, 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 9:06 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. Galvin at 9:06 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Arcena Roget-Privott and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:40 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:45 am.
2. Beulah Gardner and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:52 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:59 am.

3. Michael Vogt, Lori Vogt and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:00 pm. Attorney Zimmerlin and Michael Vogt made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:06 pm.
4. Steven MacSweeney and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:09 pm. They made statements and then they excused by the Board at 12:12 pm.
5. Mark Carabina and Attorney Richard Grabow appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:14 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:20 pm.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Johnson at 12:26 pm.

JAY ASHTON D- 13218 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Jay Ashton's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARK CARABINA D- 12681 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Mark Carabina's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA CARTER D- 13008 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Lisa Carter's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRISON DOWNING D- 12644 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Brison Downing's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PAUL FAULKNER D- 13124 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Paul Faulkner's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EDUARDO FLOREZ D- 13202 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Eduardo Florez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PETER GALIMITAKIS D- 13206 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny Peter Galimitakis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BEULAH GARDNER D- 13042 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Beulah Gardner's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MAUDLYN GISCOMBE D- 13188 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Maudlyn Giscombe's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TODD HOCKLA D- 13190 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So to deny Todd Hockla's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEVEN MACSWEENEY D- 12578 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Steven MacSweeney's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EDWARD MAMBRUNO D- 13214 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Edward Mambruno's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHERYL REED D- 13098 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Cheryl Reed's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM RODRIGUEZ D- 13197 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny William Rodriguez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ARCENA ROGET-PRIVOTT D- 12678 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Arcena Roget-Privott's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL TERMINI MD- 1642 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny Michael Termini's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JANETTE TULLOCH D- 12188 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Janette Tulloch's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL VOGT D- 13003 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Michael Vogt's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. So to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 pm. Motion approved unanimously.