

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, July 24, 2020, 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  
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.  
Sachin Parekh, M.D.  
Dr. Frank Gerratana – In Observance  
Dr. Vasanth Kainkaryan – In Observance  
Dr. Sheldon Nova – In Observance

ABSENT:

Richard Blum, M.D.  
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.  
Manny Katsetos, M.D.  
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.  
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.  
Debra Pollack, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division  
Annette Sadlowski, Disability 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 9:14 am.  
Dr. Rudich motioned, and Dr. Galvin seconded to amend the agenda to:  
Add Karen Darna at 9:15 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 9:15 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division, Dr. Frank Gerratana, Dr. Vasanth Kainkaryan, Dr. Sheldon Nova, and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Parekh at 10:28 am.

JOY BABCOCK

D- 12973

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Joy Babcock's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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

TERRANCE BROWN, JR. D- 12954 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Terrance Brown, Jr.'s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RONDA BUCHMEIER D- 12984 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Ronda Buchmeier's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHANE BURNS MD- 1616 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Shane Burns' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROOSEVELT CAIN D- 12955 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Roosevelt Cain's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER CARUSO D- 12870 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Christopher Caruso's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JACK CHRISTENSON, JR.. D- 12879 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Jack Christenson, Jr.'s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KAREN DARNA D- 12867 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Karen Darna's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES FRAULO D- 12980 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny James Fraulo's for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN GENCA D- 12989 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny John Genca's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARY JACKSON D- 12906 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Mary Jackson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CALVIN JOHNSON D- 12995 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Calvin Johnson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUZANNE LAPRISE D- 12970 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Suzanne Laprise's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARK MITCHELL MD- 1607 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Mark Mitchell's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHERYL ONCKEN D- 13051 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(POSTH.)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Cheryl Oncken's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES ORIFICE MD- 1613 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny James Orifice's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ELSA PEREZ DE ORTIZ D- 12936 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Elsa Perez de Ortiz's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANGELO PETROLLE D- 12964 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Angelo Petrolle's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS SPINNATO MD- 1619 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Thomas Spinnato's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARK THOMAS D- 12940 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Mark Thomas' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DIANE VITALE D- 12966 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Diane Vitale's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 am. Motion approved unanimously.