

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on June 3, 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:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.
Richard Blum, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Poleak So, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, 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 9:11 am.
Dr. Lieders motioned, and Dr. Dargan seconded to amend the agenda to:
Add Deborah Silva at 9:12 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. Blum at 9:13 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. There was a brief break at 11:00 am.until 11:02 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Dargan at 12:00 pm.

DEXTER BIGGS D- 13337 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Dexter Biggs' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GEORGIA BROWN D- 13321 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Georgia Brown's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEVANDIR DEBARROS D- 13330 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Devandir deBarros' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN DESROSIERS D- 13327 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny John Desrosiers' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GENEVA DEUTSCH D- 13331 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Geneva Deutsch's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TRACIE HERNANDEZ D- 13325 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Dargan, to deny Tracie Hernandez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HECTOR JIMENEZ D- 13320 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Hector Jimenez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CALDWELL LEE D- 13314 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Caldwell Lee's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN McDONALD D- 13328 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve John McDonald's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Dargan dissents.

CHRISTINE MORIN D- 13322 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Christine Morin's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PAUL NAPOLI D- 13279 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Paul Napoli's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PHILIP NORRIS MD- 1661 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Philip Norris' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TESSA PELLETIER D- 13318 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Tessa Pelletier's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JON PIERCE D- 13319 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Jon Pierce's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EDNA SHLIEN D- 13309 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Edna Shlien's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBORAH SILVA D- 13326 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Deborah Silva's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL SPENCER D- 13338 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Michael Spencer's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Dargan dissents.

ADJOURNMENT:

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