

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, June 4, 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:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.

ABSENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	So Sokpoleak, 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 9:10 am.
Dr. Lieders motioned, seconded by Dr. Galvin at 9:10 am to amend agenda:
To Remove Virgil Gardner

Dr. Lieders motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Galvin at 9:11 am. There was a brief break at 12:08 pm until 12:16 pm. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Thomas Defilippo and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:48 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:58 am.
2. James Conley, Jacqueline Conley and Attorney Russell Zimmerman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:16 pm. Attorney Zimmerman and James Conley made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:27 pm.

3. Irma Goyco-Burnhan and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:30 pm. They made statements and then they excused by the Board at 12:39 pm.
4. Okema Ivester and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:48 pm. They made statements and then they excused by the Board at 12:55 pm.
5. Theresa Palmieri and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:58 pm. They made statements and then they excused by the Board at 1:02 pm.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Galvin at 1:06 pm.

GWYNETH ARACE-TOPOLSKI D- 13189 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Gwyneth Arace-Topolski's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHARON BELLIVEAU D- 13155 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Sharon Belliveau's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANGELLA BENTLEY D- 13162 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Angella Bentley's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES CONLEY D- 13009 SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table James Conley's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS DEFILIPPO D- 12766 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Thomas Defilippo's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VALERIE FAZZINO D- 13116 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Valerie Fazzino's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Gerratana abstains.

BARBARA GALLO D- 13160 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Barbara Gallo's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EVELYN GOOD D- 13157 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Evelyn Good's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

IRMA GOYCO-BURNHAN D- 12931 SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Irma Goyco-Burnhan's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHERWYN HAYNES D- 13163 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Sherwyn Haynes' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TANYA HINDS D- 13167 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Tanya Hinds' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JENNIFER HUNTER D- 13172 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Jennifer Hunter's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JENNIFER HURTA D- 13161 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Jennifer Hurta's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

OKEMA IVESTER D- 12730 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to table Okema Ivester's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT LAWSON D- 13171 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Robert Lawson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MYLINH LE-JONES D- 12230 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Mylinh Le-Jones' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JEFFREY LUCIANO D- 13132 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Jeffrey Luciano's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRIS McMANUS MD- 1633 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Chris McManus' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TIMOTHY O'NEILL MD- 1627 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Timothy O'Neill's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THERESA PALMIERI D- 12899 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Theresa Palmieri's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD PERSSON MD- 1634 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Richard Persson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES RIZZIO D- 10846 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve James Rizzio's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LESLIE SANTIAGO D- 13178 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Leslie Santiago's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PATRICIA STICKNEY D- 13144 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Patricia Stickney's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAY VALENTIN D- 13141 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Jay Valentin's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBIN VALLERAND D- 13175 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Robin Vallerand's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BARBARA WALKER D- 13182 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Barbara Walker's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 pm. Motion approved unanimously.