

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on June 9, 2023, 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.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
	Manny Katsetos, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, 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 9:06 am.

Dr. Rudich motioned, and Dr. Zahedi seconded to amend the agenda to:
Remove Robert Carrillo, III at 9:07 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. So at 9:08 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 11:58 am. until 12:04 pm.

1. Eugene Chaudé and Attorney Eugene Cushman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:20 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:31 pm.
2. On behalf of Hong Lee, Mia Lee appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:35 pm. She made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 12:47 pm.

3. Wilfredo Lopez and Stephen Carbone appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:52 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:53 pm.
4. Yvonne Muniz and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:54 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:58 pm am.
5. Margie Soto and Attorney Russell Kimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:59 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:06 pm.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Zahedi at 1:12 pm.

JOSE ALEXANDRE D- 13543 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Jose Alexandre's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHARON BROWN D- 13407 SERVICE-CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Sharon Brown's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ENRIQUE CAMACHO D- 13545 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Enrique Camacho's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EUGENE CHAUDE D- 13312 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Eugene Chalde's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KEVIN DELANEY MD- 1681 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Kevin Delaney's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARIA GIULIANO D- 13549 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to table Maria Giuliano's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLARENCE JONES MD- 1658 SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Clarence Jones' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HONG LEE D- 13243 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to stand **by the Board's previous decision to deny** Hong Lee's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. So dissents.

WILFREDO LOPEZ D- 13267 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Wilfredo Lopez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

YVONNE MUNIZ D- 13454 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to **stand by the Board's previous decision to deny** Yvonne Muniz's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS O'CONNOR D- 13546 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Thomas O'Connor's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEPHEN PHIPPS MD- 1679 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Stephen Phipps' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADRIENNE REID D- 13537 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Adrienne Reid's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KIMBERLY RICE D- 13553 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Kimberly Rice's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EVELYN SANJURJO MELENDEZ D- 13548 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to table Evelyn Sanjurjo Melendez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

YVETTE SAPP D- 13538 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Yvette Sapp's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARGIE SOTO D- 13340 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Margie Soto's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Zahedi abstains.

TAMMIE YOUNG D- 13551 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to table Tammie Young's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 pm. Motion approved unanimously.