

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, March 19, 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
Richard Blum, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

ABSENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.	Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	So Sokpoleak, M.D.
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Services 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 9:07 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned, and Dr. Rosenberg seconded to amend the agenda to:
Remove Jeffrey Luciano at 9:08 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 9:09 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 12:09 pm until 12:13 pm.

1. Cheryl Ferris, and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin, appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:03 am. They were excused by the Board at 10:05 am.
2. Cheryl Ferris, Dr. Jane Clark, and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:14 pm. They made statements and were excused by the Board at 12:22 pm.

3. Kelly Fisher and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:24 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:48 pm.
4. Karen Johnston and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:52 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:59 pm.
5. Katherine Hoxie appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:01 pm. She made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 1:04 pm.
6. Wanda Orenge and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:06 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:10 pm.
7. Brian Peterson and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:10 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:14 pm.
8. Jean Richards and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:16 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:26 pm.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Blum at 1:31 pm.

PEIRRE D'HAITI D- 12865 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Pierre D'Haiti's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAWN DUBE D- 13094 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Dawn Dube's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VALERIE FAZZINO D- 13116 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to table Valerie Fazzino's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHERYL FERRIS D- 12453 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Cheryl Ferris' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KELLY FISHER D- 12835 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Kelly Fisher's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KATHERINE HOXIE D- 12749 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Katherine Hoxie's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KAREN JOHNSTON MD- 1597 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Karen Johnston's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRAD KNORR D- 13146 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Brad Knorr's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSHUA MALARO MD- 1626 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Joshua Malaro's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TIMOTHY O'NEILL MD- 1627 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Timothy O'Neill's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WANDA ORENGO D- 12660 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Wanda Orengo's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRIAN PETERSON D- 13058 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Brian Peterson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JEAN RICHARDS D- 12798 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Jean Richards' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement, however Cindy Cieslak interjected when he stated motion as Non-Service Connected. Dr. Rosenberg withdrew his seconded and Dr. Lieders withdrew his motion. Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Jean Richards' entitlement to Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KIMBERLEY ROBINSON-CARR D- 13133 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve Kimberley Robinson-Carr's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN STEPHENSON D- 13135 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to approve John Stephenson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD STERN D- 13158 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Richard Stern's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SIDNEY YELTON D- 12622 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to table Sidney Yelton's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 pm. Motion approved unanimously.