

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, March 5, 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:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
Manny Katsetos, M.D.  
Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.

ABSENT:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D.	So Sokpoleak, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, 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  
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. Rudich motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Katsetos at 9:07 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 10:47 am until 10:52 am.

1. Jose Ayala and Attorney Michael Kerin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:52 am. Attorney Kerin made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:06 am.
2. Robert Erickson and Tammi Atkins, CEUI appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:09 am. Mr. Erickson made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:18 am.
3. Katrina Ringgold and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:20 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:26 am.



KATRINA RINGGOLD                      D- 12165                      SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny Katrina Ringgold's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

NANCY SLAYTON                      D- 12670                      SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Nancy Slayton's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

TINA STEELE                      MD- 1629                      NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny Tina Steele's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

DOREEN VAZQUEZ                      D- 13112                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny Doreen Vazquez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

MARY VELEZ-CLAY                      D- 13111                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Mary Velez-Clay's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL WHITE                      D- 13121                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Michael White's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

KEVIN WOODARD                      D- 13118                      SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Kevin Woodard's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.  
Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 am. Motion approved unanimously.