

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, May 21, 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:

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.

ABSENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.	Nicolai Lieders, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfield, 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 9:08 am.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Nova at 9:11 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Arron McLaughlin and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:26 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:33 am.
2. Arron McLaughlin and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin reappeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:43 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:46 am.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Kainkaryam at 11:56 am

NEIL ATKINSON D- 13179 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Neil Atkinson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS BAKER D- 13131 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Thomas Baker's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DELORIS CAMPBELL D- 13152 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Kainkaryam, to approve Deloris Campbell's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAVID CHUPCAVICH D- 13150 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny David Chupcavich's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WANDA DOIRON D- 13073 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Kainkaryam, to approve Wanda Doiron's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAWN DUBE D- 13094 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Dawn Dube's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MELANIE EMERY D- 13192 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Melanie Emery's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT ERICKSON D- 13047 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Robert Erickson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VANESSA FITZNER-BRONE D- 13164 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Vanessa Fitzner-Brone's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MANUAL GOMES D- 13011 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Manuel Gomes' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHERYL GUNN D- 13159 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Cheryl Gunn's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GEORGE HARAY, JR. D- 13136 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve George Haray, Jr. entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JUSTIN HJULSTROM D- 13149 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Justin Hjulstrom's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES IVANKO MD- 1632 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve James Ivanko's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NATALIE JOHNSON D- 13187 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Natalie Johnson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SYLVIA LOPEZ D- 13077 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Sylvia Lopez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANDRA LUCIER D- 13148 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Sandra Lucier's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD MARTINEZ D- 13181 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Richard Martinez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEAN MASSE D- 13137 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Dean Masse's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CELIA MCAULEY D- 13174 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Celia McAuley's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ARRON McLAUGHLIN D- 12642 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Arron McLaughlin's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Dr. Rosenberg withdrew his motion to deny, Dr. Nova withdrew his second. Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Arron McLaughlin's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JESSICA OLSON D- 13198 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Kainkaryam, to deny Jessica Olson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHELLE PLOURDE-DAVIS D- 13154 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Michelle Plourde-Davis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SILVERI ROBINSON D- 13156 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Silveri Robinson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DONALD TAYLOR D- 13153 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Donald Taylor's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DARREN TREADWELL D- 13088 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Darren Treadwell entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SIDNEY YELTON D- 12622 SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Sidney Yelton for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

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