

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on May 6, 2022, 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:

J. Robert Galvin, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.  
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

ABSENT:

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| Frank Gerratana, M.D.     | Lynn Rudich, M.D.         |
| Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D. | Richard Blum, M.D.        |
| Manny Katsetos, M.D.      | Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D. |
| Poleak So, M.D.           | Fielding Johnson, M.D.    |
| Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.    | Sachin Parekh, M.D.       |
| Nicolai Lieders, M.D.     | Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.     |
| Sheldon Nova, M.D.        |                           |

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Assistant Director Retirement Division  
Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division  
Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division  
Helena Bartolomeo, 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 9:11 am.

Dr. Galvin motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Zahedi at 9:18 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 11:14 am until 11:20 am.

1. John Blanchard and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:20 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:28 am.
2. Janet Jubrey and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:30 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:40 am.



CHRIS McMANUS MD- 1633 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Chris McManus' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PASQUALE MONTANA MD- 1660 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Pasquale Montana's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAVID RODRIGUEZ D- 13302 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve David Rodriguez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL SOLEMENE D- 13335 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Michael Solemene's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CEDRICA TITUS D- 13339 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Cedrica Titus' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANTHONY VALENTI MD- 1656 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to Approve the entitlement of Anthony Valenti for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHAD WELLINGTON D- 13368 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Chad Wellington's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm. Motion approved unanimously.