

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, May 7, 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., CO-CHAIRPERSON  
Manny Katsetos, M.D., CO-CHAIRPERSON  
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.

ABSENT:

J. Robert Galvin, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	So Sokpoleak, 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. Lieders motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Katsetos at 9:09 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 11:04 until 11:11 am.

1. Trinene Davis and Neil Cunningham, Union Rep, appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:09 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:40 am.
2. Luis Muniz appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:46 am. He made a statement and was excused by the Board at 11:58 am.
3. Brian Hankard appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:02 pm. He made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 12:11 pm

4. Attorney Robert Fitzgerald, on behalf of Andrew Marchese, appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:20 pm. He stated that his client was not at the meeting yet. The Board agreed to take another person until Mr. Marchese could appear. Attorney Fitzgerald excused by the Board at 12:21 pm.
5. Jessica Marquez and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:22 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:31 pm.
6. The Board had additional questions for Jessica Marquez and called Attorney Zimberlin, on behalf of Jessica Marquez, via Zoom at 12:46 pm. Attorney Zimberlin stated he would get his client back to the office so that she could answer the Board's questions. He was then excused by the Board at 12:48 pm.
7. Andrew Marchese and Attorney Robert Fitzgerald appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:48 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:59 pm.
8. Jessica Marquez and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared again on Zoom before the Board at 1:07 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:15 pm.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Katsetos at 1:45 pm.

LISA BEAUPRE                                      D- 12783                                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Lisa Beaupre's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TRINENE DAVIS                                      D- 9710                                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to table Trinene Davis' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRIAN HANKARD                                      D- 5864                                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Brian Hankard's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Dargan dissents.

JASON HAWES                                      D- 12745                                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to table Jason Hawes' continued entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANDREW MARCHESE                                      D- 8027                                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Andrew Marchese's continued entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Dargan dissents.

JESSICA MARQUEZ                                      D- 12123                                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Jessica Marquez's continued entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Dargan dissents

JOHN MASCIOTRA                                      D- 12617                                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve John Masciotra's continued entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUIS MUNIZ                                      D- 11819                                      CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to table Luis Muniz's continued entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL PAPACODA JR. D- 12777 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Michael Papacoda, Jr.'s continued entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm. Motion approved unanimously.