

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

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on November 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., CO-CHAIRPERSON
Lynn Rudich, M.D., CO-CHAIRPERSON
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Poleak So, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Frank Gerratana, 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 9:04 am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Lieders at 9:05 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 10:23 am until 10:33 am.

1. Thomas Baker and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:21 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:34 am.
2. Lloyd Tarvares and Attorney John D' Elia appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:39 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:49 am.
3. Latasha Russell and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:50 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:55 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Rudich at 11:58 am.

EDWIN ALICEA D- 13269 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Edwin Alicea's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DION AVERY D- 13259 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Dion Avery's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS BAKER D- 13131 SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to stand by the Board's previous decision 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.

TIMOTHY BROWN MD- 1640 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Timothy Brown's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JULIA DAVIS D- 13165 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Julia Davis' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUZETTE FLECHA D- 13257 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Suzette Flecha's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JONATHAN GORDON D- 13262 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Jonathan Gordon's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICARDO HARRIS D- 13275 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Ricardo Harris' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LATEFA HARVEY D- 13268 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to deny Latefa Harvey's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Lieders abstains.

RYAN HOWLETT D- 13272 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Ryan Howlett's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JERALD JOHNS D- 13032 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Jerald Johns' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DIANE KRZYKOWSKI D- 13270 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Diane Krzykowski's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TAIT LAWLER D- 13271 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Tait Lawler's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TARVARES LLOYD D- 12979 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Tarvares Lloyd's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILFREDO LOPEZ D- 13267 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Wilfredo Lopez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LATOYA MAIA D- 13261 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Latoya Maia's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RAELEEN McMILLAN D- 13258 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Raeleen McMillan's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GARY NEWTON D- 13274 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Gary Newton's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA PENNA D- 13264 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Lisa Penna's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHANTAL POULIN D- 13204 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Chantal Poulin's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LATASHA RUSSELL D- 12948 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Latasha Russell's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LINDA TURGEON D- 12778 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to approve Linda Turgeon entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBORAH WALKER D- 13266 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to table Deborah Walker's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RODERICK WALLER MD- 1649 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Roderick Waller's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

MARY ZANG D- 13273 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich, to deny Mary Zang's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Rudich to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm. Motion approved unanimously.