

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on November 4, 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:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Poleak So, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division
Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division
Melinda Powell, 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 9:03 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. Gerratana at 9:04 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 10:55 am. until 10:59 am.

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

TIMOTHY BELL D- 13421 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Timothy Bell's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GLADYS CRESPO D- 13420 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Gladys Crespo's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN CRISTOFARO D- 13438 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny John Cristofaro's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES GAGLIONE, JR. D- 13426 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve James Gaglione, Jr.'s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOANNE GUAY D- 13413 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Joanne Guay's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WANDA GUZMAN-SINKO D- 13436 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Wanda Guzman-Sinko's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICARDO KINGLAND D- 13480 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Ricardo Kingland's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN KOZIN D- 13459 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve John Kozin's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BEVERLY LANOIE D- 12271 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Beverly Lanoie's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CEDRIC LINDSEY D- 13425 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Cedric Lindsey's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALEC MANDIA D- 13210 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Alec Mandia's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSEPH MARCHESE D- 13430 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Joseph Marchese's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHARLES MERCADO D- 13382 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Charles Mercado's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

YVONNE MUNIZ D- 13454 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Yvonne Muniz's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHERRI NEPTUNE D- 13422 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Sherri Neptune's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KATHLEEN PASHOS TIRINZONI D- 13498 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Kathleen Pashos Tirinzoni's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANNIE PERRY D- 13433 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Annie Perry's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARMEN RAMOS D- 12309 SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Carmen Ramos' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD RUSIECKI D- 13416 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Richard Rusiecki's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EARL SCHOOLFIELD D- 13478 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Earl Schoolfield's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALBERT SCOTT D- 13427 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Albert Scott's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARLA SMITH D- 13415 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Carla Smith's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MOE TIBAC D- 13412 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Moe Tibac's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 pm. Motion approved unanimously.