MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on October 20, 2023, 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. Lynn Rudich, M.D.

ABSENT:

Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.
Poleak So, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Richard Blum, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division William Cassada, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services 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 9:02 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 9:03 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 10:45 am until 10:50 am.

1. William Mihaliak and Attorney David Kritzman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:52 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:10 am.

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Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 11:19 am.

CHRISTOPHER ATKINS

395385

SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Christopher Atkins' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, but would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DONNA BELADE 434588 SERVICE-CONNECTED*

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Donna Belade's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GAIL BYARS 647507 SERVICE-CONNECTED*

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Gail Byars' entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM CARSON 132478 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve William Carson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSE FUENTES 008831 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Jose Fuentes' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, but would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL GALLICCHIO 024540 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Michael Gallicchio's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAWN HIGGINSON 236014 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Dawn Higginson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIS McCAW 968336 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Willis McCaw's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOANNA MECHLINSKI 641967 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Joanna Mechlinski's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM MIHALIAK 023268 SERVICE-CONNECTED* (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny William Mihaliak's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement, but approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JACQUELINE MILLER 490802 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Jacqueline Miller's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARLA MONTAQUE 041084 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Carla Montaque's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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DAVID PARADIS 109612 SERVICE-CONNECTED*

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny David Paradis' entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement, but approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALEXANDER PEREZ 423451 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Alexander Perez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ORRETTE SALMON 039909 SERVICE-CONNECTED*

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Orrette Salmon's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTER SCHERER 036329 SERVICE-CONNECTED*

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Krister Scherer's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT SPINA 494894 SERVICE-CONNECTED*

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Robert Spina's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SARA VAZQUEZ-GUERRA 564058 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Sara Vazquez-Guerra's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 am. Motion approved unanimously.