

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on October 22, 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:

Sachin Parekh, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfield, 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 9:08 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 9:09 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 10:51 am until 10:56 am.

1. Joseph Cefaratti and Attorney Ken Friedman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:56 am. Attorney Friedman made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:03 am.
2. Okema Ivester and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:05 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:10 am.
3. Nicole Outlaw and Attorney Russell Zimmerman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:12 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:16 am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Lieders at 11:17 am.

BELKIS BORQUEZ D- 13255 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Belkis Borquez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however they would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN BYRON JR. D- 13250 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny John Byron, Jr.'s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PAULINA CARMAN D- 13251 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Paulina Carman's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSEPH CEFARATTI D- 12886 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Joseph Cefaratti's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JODI ERDOS D- 12850 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Jodi Erdos' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLLETTE FOOTE D- 12441 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Collette Foote's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAWN HEMINGWAY D- 12078 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny Dawn Hemingway entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however they would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KAISHAWDA HOLLEY D- 13100 SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Kaishawda Holley's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBORAH HONNEN MD- 1648 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Deborah Honnen's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

OKEMA IVESTER D- 12730 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Okema Ivester's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANDRA JENKINS D- 13248 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to table Sandra Jenkins' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARC KING D- 13244 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Marc King's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HONG LEE D- 13243 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Hong Lee's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARGUERITE LEFFINGWELL D- 13247 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Marguerite Leffingwell's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KETTY LOPEZ D- 13245 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny Ketty Lopez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STACY MCLAUGHLIN D- 13265 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Stacey McLaughlin's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD MOORE D- 13253 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny Richard Moore's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NICOLE OUTLAW D- 13033 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Nicole Outlaw's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

REGINA SCATES MD- 1650 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Regina Scates' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTA SCHULZ D- 13219 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny Krista Schulz's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VAUGHAN SIMS SR. MD- 1645 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Vaughan Sims, Sr.'s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL TUTKO D- 13246 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve Michael Tutko's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. Motion approved unanimously.