

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on October 6, 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:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Poleak So, M.D.

ABSENT:

Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.	Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, 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. Rudich 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 11:35 am until 11:40 am.

1. Charlene Darby appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:45 am. She made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 11:58 am.
2. Lisa Penna and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:01 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:06 pm.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 12:06 pm.

JAMES BORRICO #231835 SERVICE-CONNECTED* (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny James Borrigo's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement, but approve entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SEAN CRAWFORD #243318 SERVICE-CONNECTED * (CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Sean Crawford's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANGEL CRUZ #507468 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Angel Cruz's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHARLENE DARBY #511859 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Charlene Darby's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TALORIA EASON #653833 SERVICE-CONNECTED *
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Taloria Eason's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANTHONY FAGO #009866 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Anthony Fago's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JONATHAN GAROW #614086 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Jonathan Garow's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT HOHMAN #023982 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Robert Hohman's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL KING #644671 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Michael King's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ARTHUR KURECZKA #335158 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(POSTH.)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Arthur Kureczka's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KWASI McCALL #657038 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kwasi McCall's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEPHANIE MIDDLETON #158689 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Stephanie Middleton's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLEN MOORE #416551 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Colen Moore's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT MULLIN #034693 SERVICE-CONNECTED* (CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Robert Mullin's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DANIEL PADRO #491390 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Daniel Padro's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA PENNA #448386 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Lisa Penna's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHELINA POREMBA #050964 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Michelina Poremba's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JESSICA SILANO #071638 SERVICE-CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Jessica Silano's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MELISSA SMITH #625744 SERVICE-CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Melissa Smith's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SEAN SULLIVAN #124682 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Sean Sullivan's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL VOGT #056537 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Michael Vogt's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Continued Entitlement Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding of August 6, 2015

ROPHY HOMICIL #037459 CONTINUED ENTILEMENT
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to rescind the Board's previous decision and approve continued entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 pm. Motion approved unanimously.