

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on October 7, 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.  
J. Robert Galvin, 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.	Michael Gerstenfeld, 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  
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 9:03 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. Galvin at 9:04 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. Robert Helfand joined the meeting at 9:15 am. and was invited to stay during Executive Session. There was a brief break at 10:58 am. until 11:08 am.

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

MARIA BELTRAN D- 13419 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Maria Beltran's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JUSTIN BLANDINO D- 13428 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Justin Blandino's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT BROWN MD- 1665 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Robert Brown's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GEORGIA BROWN D- 13321 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Georgia Brown's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER CHOINSKI MD- 1664 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Christopher Choinski's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL COLEMAN D- 13410 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Michael Coleman's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NATIVIDAD COTTO D- 13400 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Natividad Cotto's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARTIN D'AMICO D- 13401 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Martin D'Amico's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSE GIL D- 13378 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Jose Gil's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DIANNA GILBERT D- 13398 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Dianna Gilbert's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TYWANNA JOHNSON D- 13404 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Tywanna Johnson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTINA KACZOROWSKI D- 13362 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kristina Kaczorowski's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

AMER KHAN D- 13418 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Amer Khan's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FRANK LAROSA D- 13370 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(POSTH.)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Frank LaRosa's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHERYL LEWIS D- 13347 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Cheryl Gerratana' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALEC MANDIA D- 13210 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Alec Mandia's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LOURDES MONTALVO D- 13452 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Lourdes Montalvo's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HORTENSE MORAIS D- 13097 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Hortense Morais' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ZOFIA MROCZEK D- 13429 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Zofia Mroczek's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT MULLIN D- 13402 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Robert Mullin's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHELLE NADEAU D- 13406 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Michelle Nadeau's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LITCY SOLHJOO D- 13399 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Litcy Solhjoo's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KELLY SPINELLO D- 13386 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kelly Spinello's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CAROLYN TIMMONS D- 13417 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Carolyn Timmons' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN TORELLO

D- 13431

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

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

SARA VAZQUEZ-GUERRA

D- 13389

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table 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 11:21 am. Motion approved unanimously.