

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022
POSTPONED FROM 8/26/22 & 9/2/22

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on September 29, 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:

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Vasantha 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.	Nicolai Lieders, 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 9:04 am.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 9:05 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 12:07 pm. until 12:16 pm.

1. Mayra Holbrook and Attorney Russell Zimmerman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:28 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:39 pm.

2. William Kenney and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:42 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:25 pm.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 1:51 pm.

KAREN AHMED D- 12635 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Karen Ahmed's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EILEEN BLAUVELT D- 13377 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Eileen Blauvelt's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BEVERLY BRAGG D- 13333 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Beverly Bragg's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANDRA BROWN-BREWTON D- 13489 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Sandra Brown-Brewton's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SONNIE COUNCIL D- 13177 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Sonnie Council's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEVANDIR DEBARROS D- 13330 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Devandir deBarros' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TONYA DILLON D- 13373 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Tonya Dillon's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JESSICA ELLIOTT D- 13356 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Jessica Elliott's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANTHONY FAGO D- 13375 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Anthony Fago's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEPHEN GELINAS D- 13367 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Stephen Gelinas' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DENNIS HART D- 13380 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Dennis Hart's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MAYRA HOLBROOK D- 12859 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Mayra Holbrook's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM KENNEY D- 12294 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table William Kenney's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CALDWELL LEE D- 13314 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Caldwell Lee's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANAMINA D- 13169 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Ana Mina's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JEAN O'CONNOR D- 13381 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Jean O'Connor's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARISOL PADIN-SANCHEZ D- 13369 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Marisol Padin-Sanchez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TERESA SKAFF D- 13435 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Teresa Skaff's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAVIER VELEZ D- 13379 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Javier Velez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL VOGT D- 13003 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Michael Vogt's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 pm. Motion approved unanimously.