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1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT
2 STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
3 MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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6 JULY 16, 2021 MEETING
7 HELD VIA ZOOM
8 CONVENED AT 9:06 a.m.

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11 **Board Members Present:**

12 Dr. Lynn Rudich, Chair
13 Dr. Poleak So
14 Dr. Fielding Johnson

15 **ALSO PRESENT:**

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17 Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division
18 Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division
19 William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
20 Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
21 Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor, general counsel to the
22 Retirement Services Division
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1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:06 a.m.)

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3 DR. RUDICH: The July 16, 2021 meeting of
4 the Medical Examining Board is now in session. I'm
5 Dr. Lynn Rudich, chairperson. Present from the Board
6 is also Dr. Poleak So and Dr. Fielding Johnson.

7 Present from the Office of the State
8 Comptroller Retirement Services Division are staff
9 members Colin Newman, Annette Sadlowski,
10 Robert Helfand and William Cassada. And we also
11 have general counsel for the Retirement Commission,
12 Cindy Cieslak.

13 I have no motions to amend the
14 agenda; is that correct?

15 MS. SADLOWSKI: Yes, that's correct.

16 DR. RUDICH: Okay. I'm going to make a
17 motion to go into executive session. Is there a
18 second? DR. SO: Second.

19 DR. RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor
20 say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes,
21 but I request also that the members of the Retirement
22 Commission and counsel Cindy Cieslak stay with us
23 during this meeting.

24 (The Board was in executive session from
25 9:06 a.m. until 12:26 p.m.)

1 MS. CIESLAK: Hold on one second. I'm
2 letting everyone in from the waiting room because
3 it's public session.

4 All right. Dr. Rudich, when you are
5 ready, you may proceed.

6 DR. RUDICH: The Board will be making
7 determinations and voting on those determinations.
8 We would like to remind members that only the final
9 vote will be given today, not the reason for the
10 vote. In some instances, there may not have been
11 enough medical information to make a determination of
12 disability. You may seek reconsideration of an
13 initial denial.

14 You'll receive the Board's written
15 determination within two to four weeks and that will
16 provide you with additional information.

17 I make a motion to approve the
18 application for non-service-connected disability
19 retirement of Jay Ashton.

20 DR. SO: second.

21 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
22 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
23 say nay. The motion passes.

24 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
25 application for non-service-connected disability

1 retirement of Mark Carabina.

2 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

4 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
5 say nay. The motion passes.

6 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to change --
7 to approve the application -- the change in the
8 application to non-service-connected disability
9 retirement of Lisa Carter.

10 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

12 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
13 say nay. The motion passes.

14 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
15 application for service-connected disability
16 retirement of Brison Downing.

17 DR. SO: Second.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

19 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
20 say nay. The motion passes.

21 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the
22 non-service-connected disability retirement of
23 Paul Faulkner. That's a change from the original
24 application for service connected.

25 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

2 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
3 say nay. The motion passes.

4 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the
5 application for service-connected disability of
6 Eduardo Florez.

7 DR. SO: Second.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

9 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
10 say nay. The motion passes.

11 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
12 application for non-service-connected disability
13 retirement of Peter Galmitakis.

14 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

16 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
17 say nay. The motion passes.

18 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
19 application for service-connected disability
20 retirement of Beulah Gardner, but the Board would
21 look favorably on an application for non-service
22 disability.

23 DR. SO: Second.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

25 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed

1 say nay. The motion passes.

2 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
3 application for non-service-connected disability
4 retirement of Maudlyn Giscombe.

5 DR. SO: Second.

6 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
7 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
8 say nay. The motion passes.

9 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
10 application for non-service-connected retirement of
11 Todd Hockla.

12 DR. SO: Second.

13 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
14 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
15 say nay. The motion passes.

16 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
17 application for service-connected disability of
18 Steven MacSweeney, but the Board would look favorably
19 on a non-service-connected disability.

20 DR. SO: Second.

21 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
22 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
23 say nay. The motion passes.

24 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the
25 application for non-service-connected disability of

1 Edward Mambruno.

2 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

4 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
5 say nay. The motion passes.

6 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the
7 application for non-service-connected disability of
8 Cheryl Reed. This is a change from the initial
9 application of service connected.

10 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

12 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
13 say nay. The motion passes.

14 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
15 application for service-connected disability
16 retirement of William Rodriguez.

17 DR. SO: Second.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

19 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
20 say nay. The motion passes.

21 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
22 service-connected disability of Arcena Roget-Privott,
23 but the Board would look favorably upon
24 non-service-connected.

25 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

2 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
3 say nay. The motion passes.

4 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
5 service-connected disability retirement of
6 Michael Termini.

7 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

9 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
10 say nay. The motion passes.

11 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
12 application for service-connected disability
13 retirement of Janet Tulloch.

14 DR. SO: Second.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

16 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
17 say nay. The motion passes.

18 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
19 application for service-connected disability
20 retirement of Michael Vogt.

21 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

23 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed
24 say nay. The motion passes.

25 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn

1 this meeting.

2 DR. SO: Second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor
4 say aye. Nobody's opposed. We are adjourned. Thank
5 you.

6 (Concluded at 12:35 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT:
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2 COUNTY OF HARTFORD :

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4 in and for the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify
5 that the preceding pages are an accurate transcription
6 of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement
7 Commission, Medical Examining Board meeting held
8 electronically via Zoom, Convening at 9:06 .m., on
9 July 16, 2021.

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12 Dates at Bristol, Connecticut, this 9th day of
13 September, 2021.

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25 Karen Vibert, Notary Public
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