

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

MARCH 20, 2020 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:11 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Lynn Rudich, M.D. Richard Blum, M.D.
Robert Galvin, M.D.

Also Present:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division
Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Division
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel, Rose Kallor
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division

Karen Vibert, LSR #00064

1 (Proceeding convened at 9:11 a.m.)

2 DR. RUDICH: Okay. The March 20, 2020
3 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
4 session. I'm Dr. Lynn Rudich. We have
5 Dr. Richard Blum, Dr. Robert Galvin. We have from
6 the Retirement Services Division, Annette Sadlowski,
7 and Colin Newman will be joining us. General
8 counsel for the Retirement Commission,
9 Cindy Cieslak.

10 I don't have any motions to change --
11 to amend the agenda. We are going to go into
12 executive session.

13 I make a motion to go into executive
14 session.

15 DR. GALVIN: Second.

16 DR. BLUM: Second.

17 DR. RUDICH: All in favor? Oh, sorry.
18 Any discussion? All in favor? All opposed? Okay.
19 I request that the members of the Retirement
20 Services Division and counsel be allowed to remain.

21 (The Medical Examining Board went into
22 executive session.)

23 DR. RUDICH: We are out of executive
24 session. Okay. We are going to be voting on these
25 applications.

1 So, I make a motion to approve the
2 application for non-service-connected disability
3 retirement of Keith Alleyne.

4 DR. BLUM: Second.

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

8 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
9 the application for non-service-connected disability
10 retirement of Walter Altamirano.

11 DR. BLUM: Second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

13 DR. GALVIN: We're going to deny, right?

14 DR. RUDICH: I made a motion to approve
15 the application.

16 DR. GALVIN: No. It's denied. He's the
17 guy with the prostate cancer.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Okay. So, in this
19 situation, the vote has to go through; however, you
20 know, we'll take a vote. If you're in favor of
21 approving the motion with the description, say aye.
22 Those opposed say nay.

23 DR. GALVIN: Nay.

24 MS. CIESLAK: We have three nays, so the
25 motion failed. Dr. Rudich, if you would like to

1 make another motion.

2 DR. RUDICH: I would like to make a motion
3 to table the application for service-connected
4 disability of Jeffrey Babey.

5 DR. GALVIN: Wait a minute. What are we
6 doing? I'm lost on Altamirano.

7 MS. CIESLAK: There needs to be a motion
8 regarding Altamirano.

9 DR. RUDICH: I make -- should we do the
10 vote over?

11 MS. CIESLAK: Yes, because the motion was
12 to approve and it failed.

13 DR. GALVIN: So we need a motion to deny?

14 MS. CIESLAK: Correct.

15 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
16 application for non-service-connected disability
17 retirement of Walter Altamirano.

18 DR. GALVIN: Second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
20 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
21 passes.

22 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to table the
23 application for service-connected disability
24 retirement of Jeffrey Babey.

25 DR. GALVIN: Second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
2 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
3 say nay. The motion passes.

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

7 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

11 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
12 the non-service-connected disability retirement of
13 Kristyn Cappetta.

14 DR. GALVIN: Second.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
16 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
17 say NAY. The motion passes.

18 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
19 application for service-connected disability of
20 Karen Darna, but the Board would look favorably on
21 non-service connection.

22 DR. GALVIN: Second.

23 MS. CIESLAK: All in favor say aye. All
24 opposed say nay. The motion passes.

25 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve

1 the application for-non-service-connected disability
2 of Beverly Dixson.

3 DR. GALVIN: Second.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

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

7 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
8 the application for non-service-connected disability
9 retirement of Ian Greaves.

10 DR. GALVIN: Second.

11 DR. BLUM: Second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

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

15 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
16 application for non-service-connected disability of
17 Marie Guest.

18 DR. GALVIN: Second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

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

22 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
23 application for service-connected-disability
24 retirement of Sherry Hawk, but the Board would look
25 favorably on non-service-connected disability.

1 DR. GALVIN: Second.

2 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

3 There being none, all in favor say aye. Opposed say
4 nay. The motion passes.

5 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
6 the application for non-service-connected disability
7 retirement of Erick James.

8 DR. GALVIN: Second.

9 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

10 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
11 say nay. The motion masses.

12 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
13 the application for non-service-connected disability
14 retirement of the Lynn Maille.

15 DR. GALVIN: Second.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

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

19 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
20 the application for non-service-connected disability
21 of W. Laurie Makowski.

22 DR. GALVIN: Second.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

24 DR. GALVIN: DR. BLUM: Second.

25 MS. CIESLAK: There being none, all in

1 favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
2 passes.

3 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
4 the application for non-service-connected disability
5 of Anthony Manzione.

6 DR. GALVIN: Second.

7 DR. BLUM: Second.

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

11 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
12 application for service-connected disability of
13 Kevin Moran, but the Board would look favorably on
14 non-service-connected disability.

15 DR. GALVIN: Second.

16 DR. BLUM: Second.

17 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? Hearing
18 none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay.
19 The motion passes.

20 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
21 application for non-service-connected disability of
22 Joyce Pellegrino.

23 DR. GALVIN: Second.

24 DR. BLUM: Second.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

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

3 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
4 application for service-connected disability
5 retirement of Gloria Ramos.

6 DR. BLUM: Second.

7 DR. GALVIN: Second.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

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

11 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
12 the application for non-service-connected disability
13 retirement of Susan Rancourt-Chapman.

14 DR. BLUM: Second.

15 DR. GALVIN: Second.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

17 Hearing none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say
18 nay. The motion passes.

19 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
20 application for service-connected disability
21 retirement of Wanda Robinson, but the Board can look
22 favorably on non-service connection.

23 DR. GALVIN: Second.

24 DR. BLUM: Second.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

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

3 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to change to
4 non-service-connected disability application of Hope
5 Searles.

6 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

7 DR. GALVIN: Second.

8 DR. BLUM: What was the last name again?

9 DR. GALVIN: S-E-A-R-L-E-S.

10 DR. RUDICH: It's under new agenda.

11 DR. BLUM: She's what?

12 DR. GALVIN: She was an add-on to the
13 agenda.

14 DR. RUDICH: It's a change from service to
15 non-service-connection.

16 DR. BLUM: Is this Seinyan?

17 DR. GALVIN: No. We skipped over Seinyan.
18 Let's go back to that.

19 DR. RUDICH: Searles. S-E-A-R-L-E S.
20 It's on the new agenda.

21 DR. BLUM: I don't have that.

22 MR. NEWMAN: It wasn't on the stuff that
23 first came out, Dr. Blum.

24 MS. CIESLAK: She is one who the
25 service-connected was denied, but the non-service,

1 the Board already said they would look favorably, so
2 she was a change to non-service.

3 DR. BLUM: I don't have that on my agenda.
4 I had a problem with duplicating the grid. I
5 couldn't duplicate it on my printer. So maybe,
6 Annette, you could make the grid when I pick up the
7 disc for the next -- on the 3rd. Is that possible?

8 MS. SADLOWSKI: Yes. I have a copy for
9 you.

10 DR. BLUM: Thank you.

11 DR. RUDICH: I made a motion.

12 MS. CIESLAK: The motion is on the table.

13 DR. GALVIN: Did we vote on Hope?

14 MS. CIESLAK: We haven't voted yet.

15 Dr. Rudich made the motion.

16 DR. GALVIN: I'll second it.

17 DR. BLUM: I'll second it, too.

18 MS. CIESLAK: All in favor say aye. All
19 opposed say nay. The motion passes. Thank you.

20 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
21 the application for non-service-connected disability
22 retirement of Malvina Seinyan.

23 DR. GALVIN: Second.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? There being
25 none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay.

1 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
2 application for service-connected-disability of
3 Alan Stach.

4 DR. GALVIN: DR. GALVIN: Second.

5 DR. BLUM: Second.

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

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

12 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

16 DR. GALVIN: We're going to ask, when I
17 read it -- that case we're going to ask for current
18 medical information.

19 DR. RUDICH: Correct. That's what we
20 discussed, yeah.

21 DR. GALVIN: And maybe we'll be able to
22 get it from (inaudible) because it's his primary
23 care. He's probably not going to get the elective
24 rheumatology appointment for a while, so we'll just
25 deny him and I will put in my notes that

1 insufficient documentation of the malignant disease.

2 Does that sound reasonable?

3 DR. RUDICH: Yes.

4 I make a motion to approve the
5 application for non-service-connected disability of
6 John Trovato.

7 DR. GALVIN: Second.

8 DR. BLUM: Second.

9 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

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

12 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn.

13 MS. SADLOWSKI: Before we adjourn, can I
14 just ask one question? Anthony Manzione. What was
15 the decision on him?

16 DR. RUDICH: We approved him.

17 DR. BLUM: It was approved, non-service.

18 MS. SADLOWSKI: Okay. That's what I had.
19 Thank you.

20 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn
21 the meeting.

22 DR. GALVIN: Second.

23 DR. BLUM: Second.

24 MS. CIESLAK: All in favor say aye. We
25 are adjourned. Thank you all for participating in

1 this meeting.

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