

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

JULY 24, 2020 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:14 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Robert Galvin, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.

Doctors Observing:

Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.

Also Present:

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

Karen Vibert, LSR #00064

1 (Proceeding convened at 9:14 a.m.)

2 DR. RUDICH: The July 24, 2020 meeting of
3 the Medical Examining Board is now in session. I'm
4 Dr. Lynn Rudich, chairperson. Also with us are
5 Dr. Robert Galvin and Dr. Sachin Parekh.

6 Present from the office the State
7 comptroller, Retirement Services Division, are
8 Annette Sadlowski and Colin Newman. In observance
9 of the Medical Examining Board, new members
10 Dr. Sheldon Nova Dr. Frank Gerratana and
11 Dr. Vasanth Kainkaryam.

12 And general counsel for the
13 Retirement Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

14 I am going to make a motion to add
15 Karen Darna to the agenda.

16 DR. GALVIN: Second.

17 DR. RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor
18 say aye. All opposed say nay. Motion passed.

19 We are about to go into executive
20 session. I make a motion to go into executive
21 session, but I request that the members of the
22 Retirement Services Division and counsel be allowed
23 to remain, along with Dr. Nova, Dr. Gerratana and
24 Dr. Kainkaryan.

25 DR. GALVIN: Second.

1 DR. RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor
2 say aye. All opposed say nay. Motion passed.

3 (The Board was in executive session from
4 9:15 a.m until 10:28 a.m.)

5 MS. CIESLAK: We are out of executive
6 session.

7 DR. RUDICH: The Board will be making
8 determinations and voting on those determinations.
9 I would like to remind members that only the final
10 note will be given today, not the reason for the
11 vote. In some instances there may not have been
12 enough medical information to make a determination
13 or perhaps non-service-connected disability is more
14 likely than service-connected disability -- more
15 likely than a service-connected disability.

16 You can seek reconsideration of an
17 initial denial. You'll receive the Board's written
18 determination within two to four weeks and
19 additional information will be provided at that
20 time.

21 I make a motion to deny the
22 application for service-connected disability
23 retirement of Joy Babcock, but the Board will look
24 favorably on non-service connected.

25 DR. GALVIN: Second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
2 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
3 passes.

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

7 DR. GALVIN: Second.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
9 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
10 passes.

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

15 DR. GALVIN: Second.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
17 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
18 passes.

19 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
20 the application for non-service-connected disability
21 retirement of on Ronda Buchmeier.

22 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

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

4 DR. GALVIN: Second.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
6 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
7 passes.

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

11 DR. GALVIN: Second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
13 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
14 passes.

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

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 deny the
23 application for service-connected disability
24 retirement of Jack Christenson, Junior.

25 DR. GALVIN: Second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
2 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
3 passes.

4 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to change the
5 application from service to non-service-connected
6 disability retirement for Karen Darna and to approve
7 the change.

8 DR. GALVIN: Second.

9 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
10 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
11 passes.

12 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
13 application for non-service-connected disability
14 retirement of James Faulo.

15 DR. GALVIN: Second.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
17 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
18 passes.

19 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
20 non-service application for disability retirement of
21 John Genca.

22 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

1 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
2 the -- to deny the application for
3 non-service-connected disability retirement of
4 Mary Jackson. That was to deny the application, the
5 non-service application.

6 DR. GALVIN: Second.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
8 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
9 passes.

10 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
11 service-connected disability retirement of
12 Calvin Johnson.

13 DR. GALVIN: Second.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
15 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
16 passes.

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

22 DR. GALVIN: Second.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
24 in flavor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
25 passes.

1 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
2 the application for service-connected disability
3 retirement of Mark Mitchell.

4 DR. GALVIN: Second.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
6 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
7 passes.

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

11 DR. GALVIN: Second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
13 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
14 passes.

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

18 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

22 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
23 application for non-service-connected disability
24 retirement of Elsa Perez de Ortiz.

25 DR. GALVIN: Second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
2 if favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
3 passes.

4 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
5 application for service-connected disability
6 retirement of Angelo Petrolle.

7 DR. GALVIN: Second.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
9 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
10 passes.

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

14 DR. GALVIN: Second.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
16 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
17 passes.

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

21 DR. GALVIN: Second.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
23 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
24 passes.

25 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the

1 application for non-service-connected retirement of
2 Diane Vitale.

3 DR. GALVIN: Second.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
5 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
6 passes.

7 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn
8 today's meeting.

9 DR. GALVIN: Second.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in
11 favor say aye. All opposed say nay.

12 All right. We are adjourned.

13 (Adjourned at 10:37 a.m.)

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1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT:
 : ss: Bristol
2 COUNTY OF HARTFORD :
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4 I, Karen Vibert, LSR No. 00064, a
5 Notary Public for the State of Connecticut, do hereby
6 certify that the preceding pages are an accurate
7 transcription of the Connecticut Medical Examining
8 Board regular meeting held electronically via Zoom,
9 convening at 9:14 a.m., on July 24, 2020.
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18 Dated at Bristol, Connecticut,
19 this 30th day of April, 2020.
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24 Karen Vibert



25 Karen Vibert, Notary Public
My commission expires: 08/31/2024.

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