
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:05 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., Chairperson
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

In observance:

Poleak So, 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

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1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:05 a.m.)

2 DR. RUDICH: The September 11, 2020

3 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in

4 session. I'm Dr. Lynn Rudich, with

5 Dr. Sheldon Nova and Dr. Michael Gerstenfeld.

6 Present from the office of the State Comptroller,

7 Retirement Services Division are staff members from

8 the Retirement Services Division Annette Sadlowski

9 and Colin Newman. In observance of the Medical

10 Examining Board meeting, a new member, we have

11 Dr. So, and we have general counsel for the

12 Retirement Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

13 I make a motion to amend the agenda,

14 I make a motion to remove Debra Benson from the

15 agenda. Is there a second?

16 DR. NOVA: Second.

17 DR. RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor

18 say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion has

19 passed.

20 DR. RUDICH: I'm making a motion to go

21 into executive session, but I request that the

22 members of the Retirement Services Division and

23 counsel and Dr. So be allowed to remain. Is there a

24 second?

25 DR. NOVA: Second.

1 DR. RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor
2 say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

3 (The committee was in executive session
4 from 9:07 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.)

5 DR. RUDICH: Do you want to bring anybody
6 back in? Are the attorneys still there or --

7 MS. CIESLAK: There's nobody in the
8 waiting room, so we are ready to proceed in public
9 session.

10 As a reminder, the recording is on so
11 please state your name when you speak. Thank you.

12 DR. RUDICH: The Board will be making
13 determinations and voting on these determinations,
14 but would like to remind members that only the final
15 vote will be given today, not the reasons for the
16 vote. In some instances there may not have been
17 enough medical information to make a determination,
18 or perhaps a non-service-connected disability is
19 more likely than a service-connected disability.

20 Reconsideration can be sought for an
21 initial denial. You'll receive the Board's written
22 determination within two to four weeks, which will
23 provide additional information.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Rudich, would you like
25 me to assist with the procedural matters of the

1 motion or are you going to do that part?

2 DR. RUDICH: Please assist.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Okay.

4 DR. RUDICH: It's very helpful.

5 I make a motion to change from
6 service to non-service-connected disability and to
7 approve the application for Edwina Anderson-Tuning.
8 Is there a second?

9 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

13 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
14 the change from service to non-service-connected
15 disability application for Eugene Brown.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

17 DR. GERSTENFELD: Second.

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

21 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
22 application for non-service-connected disability
23 application for Stephen Brown.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

25 DR. NOVA: Second. Any further

1 discussion? All in favor say aye. Any opposed say
2 nay. The motion passes.

3 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
4 the change from service to non-service disability
5 for Bruno Delmonaco.

6 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

7 DR. NOVA: Second. Any further
8 discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say
9 nay. The motion passes.

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

13 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

14 DR. GERSTENFELD: Second.

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

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

21 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

22 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

1 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
2 the service-connected disability retirement of
3 Thomas Gorr.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

5 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

9 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
10 application for service-connected disability
11 retirement of Calvin Johnson, but the Board would
12 look favorably on a non-service-connected disability
13 application.

14 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

18 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
19 the application for service-connected disability
20 retirement of Kimberly Klinefelter. Is there a
21 second?

22 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

1 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
2 service-connected disability retirement of
3 Jacqueline Lawrence.

4 DR. NOVA: Second. Second by Dr. Nova.
5 Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. Any
6 opposed say nay. The motion passes.

7 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
8 the change from service to non-service-connected
9 disability retirement of Kevin Moran, to approve his
10 application.

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

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

17 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

21 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
22 the service-connected disability retirement of
23 Maria Oliveira.

24 DR. NOVA: Second.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

1 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
2 passes.

3 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
4 the non-service -- the application for
5 non-service-connected disability retirement of
6 Waldren Phillips.

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

10 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
11 the application -- the non-service application for
12 disability retirement of Carolyn Roy.

13 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

17 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
18 the change from service to non-service-connected
19 disability and approve the application for
20 Susan Talbot.

21 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

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

1 service-connected retirement of Nicole Tyson.

2 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

6 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to change
7 from service to non-service-connected disability
8 retirement and approve the application for
9 Lori Walden.

10 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

14 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
15 the application for service-connected disability
16 retirement of Michael Wood.

17 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

21 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn
22 today's meeting.

23 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

(Concluded 11:20 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 9:05 a.m., on September 11, 2020.

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19 Dated at Bristol, Connecticut, this 18th day of
20 September 2020.

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Karen Vibert

Karen Vibert, Notary Public

25 My commission expires: 08/31/2024.



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