

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2021 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:07 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Eric Shore
Dr. Michael Gerstenfeld
Dr. Fielding Johnson, III
Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division
Robin Kallor, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:07 a.m.)

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5 DR. SHORE: Okay, the December 17th, 2021
6 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
7 session. Present, Dr. Eric Shore, Dr. Fielding
8 Johnson, Dr. Michael Gerstenfeld. Present from the
9 Office of the State Comptroller, Retirement Services
10 Divisions are staff members from the Retirement
11 Services Division Colin Newman, Annette Sadlowski,
12 Robert Helfand, William Cassada, and from the General
13 Counsel for the Retirement Commission, Robin Kallor.

14 I make a motion to go into executive session.

15 DR. JOHNSON: (Inaudible) Johnson seconds.

16 MS. KALLOR: And just before we vote, just to
17 be clear that Mr. Helfand will be attending later, just
18 to make the record clear that he's not on now.

19 Okay.

20 DR. SHORE: All right. It was seconded, for
21 the purposes of discussing individual members'
22 disability health issues and that members of the
23 Retirement Services Division be allowed to remain in
24 the session.

25 MS. KALLOR: Okay, will you - so it's all the

1 individuals present at the meeting will be invited to
2 executive session.

3 DR. SHORE: To remain in the session, yeah.

4 MS. KALLOR: Okay. We have to vote.

5 DR. SHORE: Okay.

6 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson says aye.

7 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

8 DR. SHORE: Dr. Shore, aye.

9 MS. KALLOR: Okay.

10 (The Board was in executive session from 9:09
11 a.m. until 10:05 a.m.)

12 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion to
13 approve Cynthia Campbell for service-related
14 disability.

15 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

16 DR. SHORE: Someone second the motion?

17 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

18 DR. KALLOR: First we have to second the
19 motion.

20 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, second.

21 MS. KALLOR: Okay.

22 DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye.

23 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

24 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

25 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye. All opposed, say

1 nay.

2 MS. KALLOR: Any further discussion? Okay.

3 Motion passes.

4 DR. SHORE: I motion to deny Stephanie Davis-
5 Alston's application for service-connected disability.
6 This is Dr. Shore. Someone second the motion?

7 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

8 MS. KALLOR: Any further discussion? All in
9 favor?

10 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

11 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

12 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

13 MS. KALLOR: Any opposed? Motion passes.

14 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion to
15 deny Pierre D'Haiti's application for service-connected
16 disability.

17 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

18 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

19 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

20 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

21 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

22 MS. KALLOR: Any opposed? Motion passes.

23 DR. SHORE: Dr. Shore. I motion to table the
24 application for non-service disability for Sherry Hawk.
25 Someone second?

1 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, second.

2 MS. KALLOR: Any further discussion? All in
3 favor, aye?

4 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

5 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

6 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

7 MS. KALLOR: Any opposed? Motion passes.

8 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion
9 Katherine Hoxie, deny service - non-service - deny non-
10 service approval of disability retirement.

11 Second?

12 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

13 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor,
14 say aye.

15 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

16 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

17 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

18 MS. KALLOR: Any opposed? Motion passes.

19 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion to
20 table Genevieve Jeffrey's application for service-
21 connected disability. Second?

22 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

23 DR. SHORE: No, somebody has to second.

24 MS. KALLOR: Oh. I thought somebody did.

25 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

1 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

2 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

3 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

4 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

5 MS. KALLOR: All opposed? Motion passes.

6 DR. SHORE: Dr. Shore. I motion to approve

7 Waldemar Jimenez's non-service-connected disability

8 retirement. A second?

9 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

10 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor,

11 aye?

12 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

13 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

14 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

15 MS. KALLOR: All against? Motion passes.

16 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion to

17 approve Thomas Kuntz's application for service-

18 connected disability. Is there a second?

19 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

20 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor,

21 aye.

22 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

23 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

24 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

25 MS. KALLOR: Any opposed, nay. Motion

1 passes.

2 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion to
3 approve Kevin Moran's application for non-service-
4 connected disability retirement. Is there a second?

5 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, second.

6 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor,
7 aye.

8 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

9 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

10 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

11 MS. KALLOR: All opposed, nay. Motion
12 passes.

13 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion to
14 deny the non-service application for Elsa Perez de
15 Ortiz's disability retirement. Is there a second?

16 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

17 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor,
18 aye.

19 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

20 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

21 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

22 MS. KALLOR: All against, nay. Motion
23 passes.

24 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion to
25 approve Henri Plaisimon's non-service application for

1 disability retirement. Is there a second?

2 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, second.

3 MS. KALLOR: Any further discussion? All in
4 favor, aye.

5 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

6 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

7 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

8 MS. KALLOR: All opposed, nay. Motion
9 passes.

10 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion to
11 deny - I'm sorry, approve. I motion to approve
12 Ulestine Price for non-service-connected disability
13 retirement. Is there a second?

14 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

15 MS. KALLOR: Any further discussion? All in
16 favor, aye.

17 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

18 MS. KALLOR: All against, nay.

19 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

20 MS. KALLOR: I'm sorry.

21 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

22 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

23 MS. KALLOR: All opposed, nay. Motion
24 passes.

25 DR. SHORE: This is Dr. Shore. I motion to

1 table the application by Marcus Thomas for service-
2 connected disability retirement. Is there a second?

3 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

4 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor,
5 aye.

6 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

7 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

8 MS. KALLOR: All opposed-

9 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

10 MS. KALLOR: All opposed, nay. Motion
11 passes.

12 DR. SHORE: I motion to deny the non-service
13 application of Donald Yanavich for non-service-
14 connected disability retirement. Second?

15 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, second.

16 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

17 MS. KALLOR: Any further discussion? All in
18 favor, aye.

19 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

20 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

21 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

22 MS. KALLOR: Any opposed, nay. Motion
23 passes.

24 Now you should formally vote on the other
25 individuals on the MOU.

1 DR. SHORE: How do you want to do that,
2 individually? Or can we - I think we've done it in the
3 past (inaudible) the list.

4 MS. KALLOR: Annette, what is your
5 preference?

6 MS. SADLOWSKI: (Inaudible)

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think you can just
8 say subject to the memorandum of understanding, just
9 read off the names at once.

10 MS. KALLOR: Okay.

11 DR. SHORE: And then vote to approve?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Correct.

13 DR. SHORE: All right. Pursuant to the
14 Memorandum of Understanding of August 6th, 2015, for
15 continued entitlement, Alicea Edwin - oh, I guess, it's
16 - hmm - Collette Foote, Okema Ivester, Jerald Johns,
17 Marguerite Leffingwell, Nicole Outlaw, Brian Peterson.

18 I make a motion to approve their continued
19 entitlement. A second?

20 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

21 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor,
22 aye.

23 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

24 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

25 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

1 MS. KALLOR: Any opposed, nay. Motion
2 passes.

3 So now, a motion to adjourn the meeting.

4 DR. SHORE: Motion to adjourn the meeting.
5 Is there a second?

6 MS. KALLOR: Is that Dr. Shore?

7 DR. SHORE: Dr. Shore.

8 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, second.

9 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

10 DR. JOHNSON: Johnson, aye.

11 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

12 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

13 DR. SHORE: Annette?

14 MS. KALLOR: Opposed? Okay, motion passes.

15 DR. SHORE: Motion passes. Okay. Annette?

16 MS. SADLOWSKI: Yeah.

17 MS. KALLOR: Wait, I'm just going to turn the
18 recording off.

19 (Adjourned at 10:16 a.m.)
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