

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

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APRIL 8, 2022 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:06 a.m.

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Present (via Zoom):

Chairperson, Dr. Lynn Rudich

Dr. Frank Gerratana

Dr. Sheldon Nova

Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division

William Cassada, Retirement Services Division

Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division

Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division

Robin Kallor, General Counsel, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:06 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: The April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
6 meeting of the Examining Board is now in session. I am  
7 Dr. Lynn Rudich, Chairperson. Also with us is Dr.  
8 Sheldon Nova, Dr. Frank Gerratana. Both are on the  
9 Board. Present from the Office of the State  
10 Comptroller, Retirement Services Division are Colin  
11 Newman, Annette Sadlowski, Robert Helfand, William  
12 Cassada, Helena Bartolomeo, and we also have General  
13 Counsel for the Retirement Commission, Robin Kallor.

14 There are no motions to amend the agenda or  
15 remove anybody from the agenda. I make a motion to go  
16 into executive session, but I also request that members  
17 of the Retirement Services Division and counsel be  
18 allowed to remain.

19 Is there any discussion?

20 DR. NOVA: Second. Sheldon Nova. I second.

21 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in  
22 favor, say aye.

23 DR. NOVA: Aye.

24 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

25 MS. KALLOR: Make sure you're saying your

1 names when you vote.

2 DR. NOVA: Sheldon Nova, aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye. Any nays?  
5 The motion passes.

6 MS. KALLOR: Okay, I'm going to send  
7 everybody into waiting rooms. One second.

8 (The Board was in executive session from 9:08  
9 a.m. until 12:10 p.m.)

10 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: This is Dr. Rudich. The  
11 Board will be making determinations and voting on those  
12 determinations, but we would like to remind members  
13 that only the final vote will be given today and not  
14 the reasons for the vote. In some instances, there may  
15 not have been enough medical information to make a  
16 determination, or perhaps a non-service-connected  
17 disability is more likely than a service-connected  
18 disability. You may seek reconsideration of an initial  
19 denial. You will receive the Board's written  
20 determination within two to four weeks, which will  
21 provide you with that information.

22 This is Dr. Rudich. I make a motion to  
23 approve the application for non-service-connected  
24 disability retirement of Theresa Baskin.

25 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

1 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

3 DR. NOVA: Nay.

4 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

5 DR. RUDICH: Aye.

6 MS. KALLOR: Just make sure you say your name  
7 first.

8 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

9 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

10 MS. KALLOR: Dr. Nova?

11 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

12 MS. KALLOR: Okay. Motion passes.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny  
14 the application for service-connected disability  
15 retirement of Robert Brockett.

16 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

17 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

18 DR. NOVA: Second.

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

20 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

21 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

23 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

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

1 retirement of James Conley, but the Board would look  
2 favorably on a non-service-connected disability  
3 retirement.

4 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

5 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

7 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

9 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

10 MS. KALLOR: Dr. Nova?

11 DR. NOVA: Aye.

12 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a  
14 motion to approve the application for non-service-  
15 connected disability retirement of Barbara Gallo.

16 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Is there a second?

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

20 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

23 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

24 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passed. I make a  
25 motion to approve the non-service-connected disability

1 retirement of Vincent Lanteri.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They're doing  
3 everybody.

4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Is there a second?

5 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

8 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

9 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

10 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

11 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny  
12 the application for service-connected disability  
13 retirement of Latoya Maia. Is there a second?

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

17 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

19 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

20 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny  
21 the application for service-connected disability  
22 retirement of Stephanie Middleton. Is there a second?

23 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

24 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

25 MS. KALLOR: Oh, any discussion? All in

1 favor?

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

4 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a  
6 motion to approve the application for non-service-  
7 connected disability retirement of Sharon Moye-Johnson.

8 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, second.

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

10 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

11 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

12 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

13 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

14 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a  
15 motion to deny the application for service-connected  
16 disability retirement of Susan Perry. Is there a  
17 second?

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

19 MS. KALLOR: All in - any discussion? All in  
20 favor?

21 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

24 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

25 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny

1 the application for service-connected disability  
2 retirement of Bernard Sharkey. Is there a second?

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

5 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

7 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

8 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

9 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny  
10 the application for service-connected disability  
11 retirement of Deborah Silva, but the Board would look  
12 favorably on a non-service-connected disability  
13 application. Is there a second?

14 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, second.

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

16 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

19 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

20 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny  
21 the application for service-connected disability  
22 retirement of Brian Solek, but the Board will look  
23 favorably on non-service-connected disability  
24 retirement. Is there a second?

25 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.



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

2 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, yay.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

5 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

6 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to table  
7 the decision on service-connected application for  
8 Christopher Soucier.

9 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, second.

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

11 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, yay.

12 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

13 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

14 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

15 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to  
17 approve the application - I'm sorry. The next person  
18 is Nicole Tyson.

19 DR. NOVA: I make a motion to approve Nicole  
20 Tyson's request for service-connected disability  
21 retirement.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

23 DR. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

24 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

25 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

1 DR. KALLOR: All opposed? All abstain?

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, abstain.

3 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny  
5 the application for service-connected disability  
6 retirement of Linda Lee.

7 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

8 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

9 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

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

11 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

13 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

14 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

15 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to  
16 approve the non-service-connected disability retirement  
17 of Dawn Hemingway.

18 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, second.

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

20 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

21 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes.

23 I make a motion to approve the non-service-  
24 connected disability retirement of Jessica Olson.

25 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

1 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, second.

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

3 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

4 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

6 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to  
8 approve the non-service-connected disability retirement  
9 of Belkis Borquez. Second?

10 DR. NOVAA: Dr. Nova, second.

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

12 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

15 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to  
17 approve the application for non-service-connected  
18 disability retirement posthumously for Demian  
19 Fontanella.

20 MS. KALLOR: Second?

21 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

23 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

24 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

1 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to  
3 approve the non-service-connected disability retirement  
4 of Wanda Robinson.

5 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

6 MS. KALLOR: Oh, wait. Let's just - is there  
7 a second?

8 DR. NOVA: Second. Second.

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

11 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

13 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

14 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

15 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to  
16 adjourn the meeting of the Medical Examining Board. Is  
17 there a second?

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

19 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, second.

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

21 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

22 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

23 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

24 MS. KALLOR: All opposed? Motion passes.

25 (Adjourned at 12:22 p.m.)

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I, Karin A. Empson, do hereby  
certify that the preceding pages are an accurate  
transcription of the Connecticut State Employees  
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held electronically via Zoom, conducted at 9:06 a.m. on  
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