

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

JULY 30, 2021 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:08 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
Dr. J. Robert Galvin
Dr. Frank Gerratana

Also Present:

Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division
Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:08 a.m.)

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3 MS. CIESLAK: And you can begin whenever
4 everyone is ready.

5 DR. ROSENBERG: So the July 30th, 2021 meeting
6 of the Medical Examining Board is now in session.

7 Present is myself, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, chair of the
8 meeting, Dr. J. Robert Galvin, and Dr. Frank Gerratana.

9 Present from the Office of State Comptroller,
10 Retirement Services Division are staff members from the
11 Retirement Division, Colin Newman, Annette Sadlowski,
12 Robert Helfand, William Cassada, and from the General
13 Counsel for Retirement Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

14 Are there any amendments for the MEB board
15 that anyone is aware for today?

16 MS. CIESLAK: No, there's not.

17 DR. ROSENBERG: If there are not, then I
18 motion that we accept all of our previous actions and
19 with no amendments today. The MEB Board Executive
20 Session will go into executive session. A motion is
21 made to go - is a motion made to go into executive
22 session?

23 DR. GALVIN: So moved.

24 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana so moved.

25 DR. ROSENBERG: Okay. And we have a second

1 by Dr. Gerratana. For the purpose of discussing the
2 individual members' disability health issues, we ask
3 that general counsel and the members of the Retirement
4 Services Division be allowed to remain. And then
5 executive session, a member may be present in front of
6 the MEB to make a statement. They can have up to three
7 witnesses speak on his or her behalf and have his or
8 her attorney make a statement. The MEB may ask the
9 members questions. Members will be called in
10 individually.

11 MS. CIESLAK: There is a member of the public
12 who is going to join us here now. You haven't called
13 the vote yet, so let me let that person in.

14 Dr. Rosenberg, this is Cindy Cieslak. There
15 is a motion on the table for you to enter executive
16 session. The motion was made by Dr. Galvin and
17 seconded by Dr. Gerratana.

18 Is there any further discussion on the
19 motion?

20 DR. ROSENBERG: No further discussion.

21 MS. CIESLAK: All in favor, say, aye.

22 DR. ROSENBERG: Aye.

23 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

24 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed? All right. The

1 motion passes. I note that there is a member of the
2 public here. You will be placed back into the waiting
3 room, and when we return to public session, you will be
4 invited back into the meeting.

5 Okay. One second.

6 (The Board was in executive session from 9:09
7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

8 DR. ROSENBERG: So this is Dr. Ralph
9 Rosenberg and I motion to deny Millicent Barrett-
10 Browning for non-service-connected disability.

11 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana seconds.

12 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

13 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
14 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
15 say aye.

16 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

17 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
20 motion passes.

21 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
22 and I motion that Ronald Brown's application for non-
23 service-connected disability be tabled. Is there a
24 second?

25 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
2 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
3 say aye.

4 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

5 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

6 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
8 motion passes.

9 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
10 and I motion to deny Brenda Cameiro-White non-service-
11 connected disability. Any seconds?

12 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

13 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

14 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
15 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say
16 aye.

17 DR. ROSENBERG: Aye, Rosenberg.

18 DR. GLAVIN: Galvin, aye.

19 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
21 motion passes.

22 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
23 and I motion that Kathleen Dempsey be denied service-
24 connected disability. Any seconds?

25 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

1 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
2 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
3 say aye.

4 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

5 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

6 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
8 motion passes.

9 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
10 and I motion that Donald Faraone's application for non-
11 service-connected disability be tabled. Any seconds?

12 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana seconds.

13 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

14 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
15 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
16 say aye.

17 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

18 DR. GALVIN: Galvin.

19 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
21 motion passes.

22 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
23 and I motion that Carol Gaylor's application for non-
24 service-connected disability be accepted. Any seconds?

25 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
2 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
3 say aye.

4 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

5 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

6 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
8 motion passes.

9 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
10 and I motion that Giselle Hernandez' application for
11 service-connected disability be tabled. Any seconds?

12 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

13 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
14 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
15 say aye.

16 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

17 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
20 motion passes.

21 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
22 and I motion that Pamela Hickey's application for non-
23 service-connected disability be approved. Any seconds?

24 DR. GALVIN: Galvin.

25 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Thank

1 you for that second, Dr. Galvin. Any further
2 discussion? There being none, all in favor, say aye.

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

4 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

5 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

6 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
7 motion passes.

8 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
9 and I motion that Manjit Kaur's application for non-
10 service-connected disability be approved. Any seconds?

11 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
13 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
14 say aye.

15 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

16 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

17 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
19 motion passes.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
21 and I motion that Isaac Kyne's application for service-
22 connected disability be approved. Any seconds?

23 DR. GALVIN: Galvin.

24 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Thank
25 you for that second, Dr. Galvin. Any further

1 discussion? There being none, all in favor, say aye.

2 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

3 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

4 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
6 motion passes.

7 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
8 and I motion that Carlo Malerba's non-service-connected
9 disability be denied. Any seconds?

10 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

11 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
12 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
13 say aye.

14 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

15 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
17 motion passes.

18 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
19 and I motion that Anthony Manzione's application for
20 non-service-connected disability be approved. Any
21 seconds?

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

23 DR. GALVIN: Galvin.

24 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
25 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,

1 say aye.

2 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

4 DR. GALVIN: Galvin.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
6 motion passes.

7 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
8 and I motion that Carlos Ortiz' application for
9 service-connected disability be approved. Any seconds?

10 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

11 DR. GALVIN: Galvin.

12 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
13 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
14 say aye.

15 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

16 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

17 DR. GALVIN: Galvin.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
19 motion passes.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
21 and I motion that Lisa Schabel's application for
22 service-connected disability be tabled. Any seconds?

23 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

24 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

25 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any

1 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
2 say aye.

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

4 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

5 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

6 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
7 motion passes.

8 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
9 and I motion that Gina Schiavone's application for non-
10 service-connected disability be accepted. Any seconds?

11 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

12 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
13 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
14 say aye.

15 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

16 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

17 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
19 motion passes.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
21 and I motion that Ismael Toledo's application for
22 service-connected disability be denied. Any seconds?

23 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

24 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
25 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,

1 say aye.

2 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

4 DR. GALVIN: Galvin.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
6 motion passes.

7 DR. GALVIN: Okay, can we go back? Kyne, we
8 approved, or more information? I scribbled my note.

9 DR. ROSENBERG: Approved.

10 DR. GALVIN: Approved, okay.

11 DR. ROSENBERG: Approved.

12 DR. GALVIN: And Malerba we declined, denied;
13 is that right?

14 DR. ROSENBERG: Yes.

15 DR. GALVIN: Okay. Thank you very much.
16 Sorry I scribbled.

17 DR. ROSENBERG: Not a problem. You scribbled
18 correctly.

19 This is Rosenberg. I do have a question.
20 This is the first time that I've done one of these
21 meetings for reconsiderations. When we write up these
22 cases, do we write them up like any other MEB meeting?

23 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. The
24 answer is yes. I would suggest that we adjourn this
25 meeting.

1 DR. ROSENBERG: Okay. This is Rosenberg. I
2 motion to adjourn the meeting. Any seconds?

3 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

4 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. All in
5 favor, say aye.

6 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

7 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

8 DR. GALVIN: Galvin.

9 MS. CIESLAK: All right. The meeting is
10 adjourned.

11 (Adjourned at 10:38 a.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 Retirement Commission, Medical Examining Board meeting held electronically via Zoom, conducted at 9:08 a.m. on July 30, 2021.

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