

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2022 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:15 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Lynn Rudich
Dr. J. Robert Galvin
Dr. Eric Shore
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division
Cindy M. Cieslak, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:15 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: (Inaudible)

6 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Rudich, I'm good to go.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Sorry.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Whoever is chairing the meeting
9 is good to go.

10 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Yes, I'll chair it. I'm
11 Dr. Lynn Rudich. The August 12th, 2022 meeting of the
12 Medical Examining Board is now in session. We have Dr.
13 John Galvin and Dr. Eric Shore with myself. Present
14 from the Office of the State Comptroller Retirement
15 Services Division are staff member Robert Helfand,
16 William Cassada, Helena Bartolomeo, and we have General
17 Counsel for the Retirement Commission Cindy Cieslak.

18 We are going to go into executive session and
19 the members are asked (inaudible) during that time
20 while we discuss individual cases. I make a motion to
21 go into executive session, but I request that the
22 members of the Retirement Services Division and General
23 Counsel be allowed to remain. Is there a second?

24 DR. SHORE: Second.

25 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

1 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
2 favor, aye.

3 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

5 DR. SHORE: Yeah.

6 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: All opposed, say nay.
7 Motion passes.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning. This is Cindy
9 Cieslak. Those who are here for their case to be
10 heard, I'm going to put you in the waiting room, and
11 then, if you're on reconsideration, when the doctors
12 get to you, we will call you in.

13 (The Board was in executive session from 9:16
14 a.m. until 9:53 a.m.)

15 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Dr.
16 Rudich, you can proceed when you are ready.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Okay. The Board will be
18 making determinations, but would like to remind members
19 that only the final vote will be given today and not the
20 reasons for the vote. In some instances, there may not
21 have been enough medical information to make a favorable
22 determination. You may seek reconsideration of a denial.
23 You will receive the Board's written determination within
24 two to four weeks, which will provide you with additional
25 information.

1 I make a motion to table the continued
2 entitlement to non-service-connected disability of
3 Ronald Brown.

4 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
6 favor, say aye. Aye.

7 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

8 DR. SHORE: Aye, Shore.

9 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: All opposed, say nay.
10 Motion passes.

11 I make a motion to deny the continued
12 entitlement to non-service-connected disability
13 retirement of Donald Faraone.

14 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

15 DR. SHORE: Second, Shore.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
17 favor, say aye.

18 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

19 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: All opposed, say nay.
20 Motion passes.

21 I make a motion to deny the continued
22 entitlement for service-connected disability retirement
23 of Genevieve Jeffrey. Is there a second?

24 DR. SHORE: Second.

25 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

1 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
2 favor, say aye.

3 DR. SHORE: Aye, Shore.

4 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye. All opposed, say
6 nay. Motion passes.

7 I make a motion to approve the continued
8 entitlement of service-connected disability retirement
9 of Patricia Russo. Is there a second?

10 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

11 DR. SHORE: Second, Shore.

12 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
13 favor, say aye.

14 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

16 DR. SHORE: Aye, Shore.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: All opposed, say nay.
18 Motion passes.

19 I make a motion to approve continued
20 entitlement pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding
21 of 2015 of the following: Kristopher Breen, Eugene
22 Casivant, Daniel Colon, Beulah Gardner, Darryl Hayes,
23 Karla Tropiwnicki, Ramon Laboy-Alvaraz, Nikol
24 Morrissey, Linda Rodriguez, Paul Napoli, Giselle
25 Hernandez, and Lee Siuzdak. Is there a second?

1 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin. Galvin seconds.

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
3 favor, say aye.

4 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

5 DR. SHORE: (Inaudible) Shore.

6 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye. All opposed, say
7 nay. Motion passes.

8 I make a motion to adjourn this meeting of
9 the Medical Examining Board. Is there a second?

10 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

11 DR. SHORE: Second, Shore.

12 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
13 favor, say aye.

14 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

15 DR. SHORE: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: All opposed, say nay.
17 Motion passes.

18 DR. SHORE: Lynn, do these go to your Google
19 account, Google (inaudible)?

20 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Yes.

21 DR. SHORE: Okay.

22 (Adjourned at 9:57 a.m.)
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certify that the preceding pages are an accurate
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August 12, 2022.

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09/14/2022

Date