

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:08 a.m.

Board Members Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Sachin Parekh
Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
Dr. Poleak So

Also Present (via Zoom):

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

Mr. Greg Murdy
Russell Zimmerman, Esq.

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

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

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5 DR. PAREKH: I call to order the September
6 10th, 2021 meeting of the Medical Exam Board, and this
7 is now in session. Present are Dr. Sachin Parekh, Dr.
8 Ralph Rosenberg, Dr. Poleak So. Present from the
9 Office of the State Comptroller Retirement Services
10 Division are Colin Newman, Annette Sadlowski, Robert
11 Helfand, William Cassada. And from the General Counsel
12 of the Retirement Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

13 I make a motion to go into executive session
14 and request that the members of the Retirement Services
15 Division be allowed to remain.

16 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg. I second it.

17 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? No discussion?
18 All in favor, say aye.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

20 MS. CIESLAK: And opposed, say nay. Motion
21 passes.

22 Mr. Murdy, what this means is the doctors are
23 going to go into executive session. So I'm going to
24 put you back in the waiting room.

25 MR. MURDY: Okay.

1 MS. CIESLAK: And then when the doctors come
2 to your case, you'll be invited back in to present your
3 statement.

4 MR. MURDY: Okay.

5 MS. CIESLAK: And then, Attorney Zimberlin, I
6 don't know if you can hear me. It says connecting to
7 audio. But I'm also going to put you in the waiting
8 room, and when your matters come up, I will also let
9 you back in from the waiting room. So just hang tight.
10 Sometimes matters take longer than others. So it might
11 be a little bit.

12 MR. ZIMBERLIN: Okay.

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

15 DR. PAREKH: I motion to approve non-service
16 disability for Edwina Anderson-Tuning.

17 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg. I second.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? And
19 this is Cindy Cieslak. I'll just note for the record
20 that Dr. Parekh will be making these motions.

21 Any further discussion? There being none,
22 all in favor, say aye.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
25 motion passes.

1 DR. PAREKH: I motion to approve service-
2 connected disability retirement for Jose Ayala.

3 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Rosenberg. I second.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
5 being none, all in favor, say aye.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

9 DR. PAREKH: I motion to deny non-service-
10 connected disability retirement for Sandra Boyle.

11 DR. SO: Dr. So, second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
13 being none, all in favor, say aye.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

15 MS. CIESLAK: All opposed, say nay. The
16 motion passes.

17 DR. PAREKH: I motion to deny non-service-
18 connected disability retirement for Cruz Cruz-Heremuru.

19 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Rosenberg. I second.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
21 being none, all in favor, say aye.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
24 motion passes.

25 DR. PAREKH: I motion to approve non-service

1 disability retirement for Beverly Dixson.

2 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Rosenberg. I second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
4 being none, all in favor, say aye.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

8 DR. PAREKH: I motion to table the
9 application for service-connected disability retirement
10 for Greg Murdy.

11 DR. SO: This is Dr. So. Second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
13 being none, all in favor, say aye.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay.

16 DR. ROSENBERG: Nay.

17 MS. CIESLAK: It is not a unanimous decision,
18 so I do have to do a rollcall vote. The motion is to
19 table Mr. Murdy's continued entitlement.

20 Dr. Parakh, how do you vote?

21 DR. PARAKH: To table.

22 MS. CIESLAK: You're in favor?

23 DR. PARAKH: Yes.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. So, how do you vote?

25 DR. SO: To table.

1 MS. CIESLAK: You're in favor of the motion.
2 Dr. Rosenberg, how do you vote?

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Opposed.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Okay, you are opposed to the
5 motion. So the motion to table passes, two to one.

6 DR. PARAKH: I motion to approve non-service-
7 connected disability retirement for - excuse me. I
8 apologize for that. I motion to deny service-connected
9 disability retirement for Gregory Nilan.

10 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Rosenberg. I second.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
12 being none, all in favor, say aye.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
15 motion passes.

16 DR. PARAKH: I motion to approve non-service-
17 connected disability retirement for Michael Overton.

18 DR. SO: Dr. So, second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
20 being none, all in favor, say aye.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
23 motion passes.

24 DR. PARAKH: I motion to approve non-service-
25 connected disability retirement for Paula Pinto.

1 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

2 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
3 being none, all in favor, say aye.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

7 DR. PARAKH: I motion to deny non-service-
8 connected disability retirement for Hope Searles.

9 DR. SO: Dr. So, second.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
11 being none, all in favor, say aye.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

13 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
14 motion passes.

15 DR. PARAKH: I motion to approve continued
16 entitlement pursuant to the memorandum of understanding
17 of August 6th, 2015 for the following applicants: Anne
18 Carey, Denise Davis, Kelly Fisher, Gail Gadsen, Robert
19 Ives, Thomas Kuzara, Cheryl Reed, and Joseph Treusch.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

21 DR. SO: Dr. So, second.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
23 being none, all in favor, say aye.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The

1 motion passes.

2 DR. PAREKH: I motion to adjourn the meeting.

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

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

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

7 MS. CIESLAK: We are adjourned. Thank you.

8 (Adjourned at 11:18 a.m.)

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I, Karin A. Empson, do hereby
certify that the preceding pages are an accurate
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September 10, 2021.

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Date