

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:05 a.m.

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Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Sachin Parekh  
Dr. Mike Gerstenfeld  
Dr. Manny Katsetos  
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division  
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division  
Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division  
Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division  
Cindy M. Cieslak, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:05 a.m.)

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5 MS. CIESLAK: And we're ready to start.

6 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
7 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in  
8 session. Present are Dr. Manny Katsetos, Dr. Michael  
9 Gerstenfeld, and Dr. Sachin Parekh. Present from the  
10 Office of the State Comptroller, Retirement Services  
11 Division are staff members from the Retirement Services  
12 Division Colin Newman, Robert Helfand, William Cassada,  
13 Helen Bartolomeo, and General Counsel for the  
14 Retirement Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

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

18 DR. KATSETOS: I second the motion.  
19 Katsetos.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh, does your motion -  
21 actually, it does. Your motion includes an invitation  
22 to members of the Retirement Services Division, and  
23 myself, Cindy Cieslak, to remain in executive session.

24 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Correct.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Is there any discussion? There

1 being none, all in favor, say aye.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The  
4 motion passes.

5 All right, Attorney Grayboat (phonetic),  
6 we're going to place you back into the waiting room.  
7 When the doctors reenter public session, you'll be  
8 invited back in for the public session portion of the  
9 meeting. We do hold a majority of the meeting in  
10 executive session, so that way, the members' medical  
11 information is not public record.

12 So I'm going to place you in the waiting  
13 room.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

15 MS. CIESLAK: And (inaudible). Thank you.

16 We just had another individual, Nancy LaRosa,  
17 join us. I don't know if she can hear us. But in any  
18 event, Ms. LaRosa, I'm going to place you in the  
19 waiting room because we are entering executive session  
20 for the purposes of discussing medical information.

21 (The Board was in executive session from 9:06  
22 a.m. until 10:23 a.m.)

23 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Dr.  
24 Parekh, you can proceed when you're ready.

25 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board has made its

1 determinations, but would like to remind members that  
2 only the final vote will be given today and not the  
3 reasons for the vote. In some instances, there may not  
4 have been enough medical information to make a  
5 favorable determination. You may seek reconsideration  
6 of a denial. You will receive the Board's  
7 determination within two to four weeks, which will  
8 provide you with that information.

9 The Board votes to approve continued  
10 entitlement for Rhonda Boyd.

11 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

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

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

18 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to  
19 approve continued entitlement for Roosevelt Cain.

20 DR. KATSETOS: I second. Katsetos.

21 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Dr.  
22 Parekh made that motion, seconded by Dr. Katsetos.

23 Any further discussion? There being none,  
24 all in favor, say aye.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The  
2 motion passes.

3 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to  
4 continue entitlement for Nancy Choyce-LaRosa.

5 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

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

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

9 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The  
10 motion passes.

11 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to  
12 approve continued entitlement for Linda Dame.

13 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

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

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

19 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to table  
20 the decision for Anthony Fama.

21 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I 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 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to table  
3 the decision for Manuel Gomes.

4 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

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

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

8 MS. CIESLAK: All opposed, say nay. The  
9 motion passes.

10 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to  
11 approve continued entitlement for Jason Hawes.

12 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

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

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

18 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to table  
19 the decision for Kimberley Klinefelter.

20 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

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

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

1 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to  
2 approve continued entitlement for Edward Kurz.

3 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

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

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

9 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to  
10 approve continued entitlement for Brent Michaud.

11 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I 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. The  
16 motion passes.

17 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to table  
18 the decision for Tanya Parker.

19 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

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

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

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

25 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to table

1 the decision for Justin Pizzonia.

2 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. 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 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to  
9 approve continued entitlement for Carlos Velasquez.

10 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. 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 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Pursuant to the  
17 Memorandum of Understanding of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the  
18 following applicants will have continued entitlement:  
19 Carl Artman, Timothy Ausburger, Paul Faulkner, Kevin  
20 Holloran, Christine Pantanella, Kyle Parkinson, Heather  
21 Prescott, and Darren Treadwell.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

23 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. Any further  
25 discussion? There being none, all in favor, say aye.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

2 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The  
3 motion passes.

4 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: I make a motion to  
5 adjourn the meeting.

6 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I second.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? There being  
8 none, all in favor, say aye.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Aye.

10 MS. CIESLAK: All right. We are adjourned.  
11 Thank you very much.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

13 (Adjourned at 10:30 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  
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held electronically via Zoom, conducted at 9:05 a.m. on  
September 23, 2022.

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10/27/2022

Date