

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

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DECEMBER 2, 2022 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:06 a.m.

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Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Ralph Rosenberg  
Dr. J. Robert Galvin  
Dr. Mike Gerstenfeld  
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 9:06 a.m.)

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5 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Rosenberg, you can proceed  
6 when you're ready.

7 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Thank you. I'm Dr.  
8 Ralph Rosenberg and today is the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022  
9 meeting of the Medical Examining Board, which is now in  
10 session. Present are Dr. Michael Gerstenfeld, Dr. John  
11 Galvin, and myself, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg. Present from  
12 the Office of the State Comptroller, Retirement Service  
13 Division are staff members from the Retirement Service  
14 Division Robert Helfand, Colin Newman, William Cassada,  
15 and Helena Bartolomeo. Also present from the General  
16 Counsel for the Retirement Commission is Cindy Cieslak.

17 I make a motion that we go into executive  
18 session. Is there a second?

19 DR. GALVIN: Second from Galvin.

20 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Dr. Galvin. All those  
21 in favor of going into executive session, say aye.  
22 Rosenberg, aye.

23 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

24 DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Okay. So we will go

1 into executive session. I also make a motion that the  
2 members of the Retirement Service Division and counsel  
3 be allowed to remain. All those in favor, say aye.  
4 Rosenberg, aye.

5 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

6 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Joe Trameda  
8 (phonetic), aye.

9 CHAIRMAN ROSENFELD: Thank you. So we will  
10 go into executive session.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you, Dr. Rosenberg. This  
12 is Cindy Cieslak. What that means is the members of  
13 the public will be placed into the waiting room while  
14 the doctors are in executive session discussing the  
15 applicant's medical information. Those who are on  
16 reconsideration will be invited in to make their  
17 statement. At the end of the meeting, we will reenter  
18 public session and everyone will be invited back in to  
19 hear the decisions. Thank you.

20 (The Board was in executive session from 9:07  
21 a.m. until 11:28 a.m.)

22 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Dr.  
23 Rosenberg, you may proceed when you are ready.

24 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
25 Rosenberg, Chairman of today's Medical Examining Board

1 meeting. And the Board will be making determinations  
2 and voting on these determinations, but would like to  
3 remind members that only the final vote will be given  
4 today and not the reason for the vote.

5 In some instances, there may not have been  
6 enough medical information to make a determination, or  
7 perhaps a non-service-connected disability is more  
8 likely a service-connected disability. You may seek  
9 reconsideration of an initial denial. You will receive  
10 the Board's written determination within two to four  
11 weeks, which will provide you with that additional  
12 information.

13 We will now vote on the individual  
14 determinations. This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg. I motion  
15 to approve non-service-connected disability for Carmen  
16 Arroyo. All those in favor, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

17 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Rosenberg, before we call  
19 the vote, I would just ask that there be a second on  
20 the motion. This is Cindy Cieslak.

21 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Thank you. Sorry. So  
22 this is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg again, and I motion that we  
23 approve non-service-connected disability for Carmen  
24 Arroyo. Is there a second?

25 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

1                   CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   Okay.   All those in  
2 favor of approving non-service-connected disability for  
3 Carmen Arroyo, say aye.   Rosenberg, aye.

4                   DR. GALVIN:   Galvin, aye.

5                   DR. GERSTENFELD:   Gerstenfeld, aye.

6                   CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   The motion is approved.  
7 This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg and I motion to approve  
8 service-connected disability for John Banas.   Is there  
9 a second?

10                  DR. GALVIN:   Galvin, second.

11                  CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   All those in favor of  
12 approving a service-connected disability for John  
13 Banas, say aye.   Rosenberg, aye.

14                  DR. GALVIN:   Galvin, aye.

15                  DR. GERSTENFELD:   Gerstenfeld, aye.

16                  CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   And the motion is  
17 approved.   I, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to deny non-  
18 service-connected disability for Wendy Blake.   Is there  
19 a second?

20                  DR. GALVIN:   Galvin seconds.

21                  CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   All those in favor of  
22 denying non-service-connected disability for Wendy  
23 Blake, say aye.   Rosenberg, aye.

24                  DR. GALVIN:   Galvin, aye.

25                  DR. GERSTENFELD:   Gerstenfeld, aye.

1                   CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   And the motion is  
2 approved.   I, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to deny  
3 service-connected disability to Mary Carron.   Is there  
4 a second?

5                   DR. GALVIN:   Second, Galvin.

6                   CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   All those in favor of  
7 denying service-connected disability to Mary Carron,  
8 say aye.   Rosenberg, aye.

9                   DR. GALVIN:   Galvin, aye.

10                  DR. GERSTENFELD:   Gerstenfeld, aye.

11                  CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   And the motion passes.  
12 I, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to deny non-service-  
13 connected disability for Kevin Chukwu.   Is there a  
14 second?

15                  DR. GALVIN:   Galvin, second.

16                  CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   All those in favor of  
17 denying non-service-connected disability to Kevin  
18 Chukwu, say aye.   Rosenberg, aye.

19                  DR. GALVIN:   Galvin, aye.

20                  DR. GERSTENFELD:   Gerstenfeld, aye.

21                  CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   The motion passes.   I,  
22 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to deny service-connected  
23 disability to Dennis Clarke.   Is there a second?

24                  DR. GALVIN:   Galvin seconds.

25                  CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG:   All those in favor of

1 denying service-connected disability to Dennis Clarke,  
2 say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

3 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

4 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

5 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
6 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to approve non-service-  
7 connected disability for Christine Conroy. Is there a  
8 second?

9 DR. GALVIN: Second from Galvin.

10 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
11 approving non-service-connected disability for  
12 Christine Conroy, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

13 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

14 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

15 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
16 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to approve non-service-  
17 connected disability for Randy Downing. All those in  
18 favor, say aye.

19 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

20 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: I'm sorry. I, Dr. Ralph  
21 - I'm sorry. I, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to approve  
22 non-service-connected disability for Randy Downing. Is  
23 there a second?

24 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

25 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Thank you. And all

1 those in favor, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

2 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

3 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

4 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion is approved.  
5 Thank you. I, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to approve  
6 service-connected disability for Frank Ginise. Is  
7 there a second?

8 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

9 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor, say  
10 aye, for approving service-connected disability for  
11 Frank Ginise. Rosenberg, aye.

12 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

13 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

14 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion is approved.  
15 I, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to approve service-  
16 connected disability for Antonietta Gugliotti Varrone.  
17 Is there a second?

18 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

19 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
20 approving service-connected disability for Antonietta  
21 Gugliotti Varrone, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

22 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

23 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

24 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: And the motion passes.  
25 I, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to table the application



1 for service-connected disability for Janice Harrison.  
2 Is there a second?

3 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

4 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
5 tabling service-connected disability for Janice  
6 Harrison, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

7 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

8 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

9 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
10 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to table the application  
11 for service-connected disability for Robert Lawson. Is  
12 there a second?

13 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

14 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
15 tabling the service-connected disability application  
16 for Robert Lawson, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

17 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

18 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

19 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
20 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to deny non-service-  
21 connected disability to Ann Loeser. Is there a second?

22 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

23 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
24 denying non-service-connected disability to Ann Loeser,  
25 say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

1 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

2 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

3 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
4 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to table the application  
5 for service-connected disability for Alison Luckey-  
6 Percy. Is there a second?

7 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

8 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
9 tabling the request for service-connected disability  
10 for Alison Luckey-Percy, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

11 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

12 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

13 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
14 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to deny the application for  
15 service-connected disability for Francis McNellis. Is  
16 there a second?

17 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

18 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
19 denying the application for service-connected  
20 disability for Francis McNellis, say aye. Rosenberg,  
21 aye.

22 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

23 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

24 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
25 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to accept the - to grant

1 the service-connected disability for Marco Minnocci for  
2 service-connected disability. Is there a second?

3 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

4 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
5 approving service-connected disability for Marco  
6 Minnocci, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

7 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

8 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

9 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
10 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to deny the application for  
11 non-service-connected disability for Karen Oliver-  
12 Jallow. Is there a second?

13 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

14 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
15 denying non-service-connected disability for Karen  
16 Oliver-Jallow, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

17 DR. GALVIN: Aye. Aye, Galvin.

18 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

19 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
20 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to deny the application for  
21 non-service-connected disability to Tessa Pelletier.  
22 Is there a second?

23 DR. GALVIN: Second from Galvin.

24 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
25 denying the application for non-service-connected

1     disability to Tessa Pelletier, say aye. Rosenberg,  
2     aye.

3             DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

4             DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

5             CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
6     Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to grant the application  
7     for service-connected disability for Michael Termini.  
8     Is there a second?

9             DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

10            CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
11     approving the application for Michael Termini for  
12     service-connected disability, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

13            DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

14            DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

15            CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,  
16     Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to accept the application  
17     for non-service-connected disability for Dean Tully.  
18     Is there a second?

19            DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

20            CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
21     granting the non-service-connected disability for Dean  
22     Tully, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

23            DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

24            DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

25            CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. I,

1 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, motion to accept for non-service-  
2 connected disability for Christopher McManus. Is there  
3 a second?

4 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

5 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
6 approving non-service-connected disability for  
7 Christopher McManus, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

8 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

9 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

10 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: The motion passes. This  
11 is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg and I make a motion to adjourn  
12 today's meeting. Is there a second?

13 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

14 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
15 approving the adjourning of today's meeting, say aye.

16 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

17 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye. Thank you  
18 very much.

19 DR. GALVIN: Thank you. Good job, Ralph.

20 (Adjourned at 11:30 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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Date