

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 3, 2021 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:07 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Manny Katsetos
Dr. Frank Gerratana
Dr. Sohrab Zahedi
Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division
Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
Robin Kallor, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:07 a.m.)

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5 DR. KATSETOS: This is - the December 3rd,
6 2021 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
7 session. I'm Dr. Manny Katsetos. Also on the Board
8 today are Dr. Frank Gerratana and Dr. Sohrab Zahedi.
9 Present from the Office of the State Comptroller
10 Retirement Services Division are staff members from the
11 Retirement Services Division Annette Sadlowski, Robert
12 Helfand, and William Cassada; General Counsel for the
13 Retirement Commission, Robin Kallor.

14 What we'll do is look for a motion to go into
15 executive session where we can discuss the cases
16 individually. And then we'll invite each applicant to
17 make a statement at that point.

18 Do we have a motion for executive session?

19 DR. GERRATANA: This is Dr. Gerratana. I
20 move we go into executive session.

21 DR. KATSETOS: Second?

22 DR. ZAHEDI: Dr. Sohrab Zahedi here. I
23 second the motion.

24 DR. KATSETOS: So we'll go into executive
25 session.

1 MS. KALLOR: Let's vote first.

2 MR. NEWMAN: I would say, just for the
3 record, Colin Newman is also in attendance (inaudible).

4 DR. KATSETOS: I'm sorry, Colin. Your name
5 was not listed here.

6 MS. KALLOR: Could we also do - can we do a
7 vote to go into executive session?

8 DR. ZAHEDI: Aye.

9 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

10 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos, aye.

11 MS. KALLOR: Okay. All right. Now, I'm
12 going to - can we list the individuals that will be
13 going into - invited into executive session?

14 DR. KATSETOS: (Inaudible) Dr. Katsetos
15 here. Gerratana, Zahedi, and Annette Sadlowski, Robert
16 Helfand, William Cassada, Colin Newman, Robin Kallor.

17 MS. KALLOR: Okay. So I will put everybody
18 else in a waiting room, and we will call you in when we
19 are ready to hear your matter.

20 (The Board was in executive session from 9:10
21 a.m. until 1:35 p.m.)

22 MS. KALLOR: So, okay, everybody has joined.

23 DR. KATSETOS: Dr. Katsetos here. To make an
24 announcement, the Board will be making determinations
25 and voting on those determinations, but would like to

1 remind members that only the final vote will be given
2 today and not their reasons for the vote. In some
3 instances, there may not have been enough medical
4 information to make a determination, or perhaps a non-
5 service-connected disability is more likely than a
6 service-connected disability.

7 You may seek reconsideration of an initial
8 denial. You will receive the Board's written
9 determination within two to four weeks, which will
10 provide you with that information.

11 So we will now vote on the individual member
12 entitlement to disability benefits.

13 I motion to deny Carmen Berroa non-service-
14 connected disability.

15 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

16 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Do you want to
17 call the vote?

18 DR. KATSETOS: The attorney says, all in
19 favor, say aye. Aye, Katsetos.

20 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

21 DR. ZAHEDI: Dr. Zahedi, aye.

22 DR. KATSETOS: All opposed, say nay. Motion
23 passes. Katsetos.

24 I motion to approve - it's Katsetos again. I
25 motion to approve Rhonda Boyd for service-connected

1 disability.

2 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

3 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? You're on call
4 vote?

5 DR. KATSETOS: Yes. Katsetos. All in favor,
6 say aye. Katsetos, aye.

7 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

8 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

9 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes.

10 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. I motion to approve
11 Stephen Brown's application for non-service-connected
12 disability retirement.

13 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

14 MS. KALLOR: Any further discussion? Okay.
15 You can call the vote.

16 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
17 aye. Aye.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

19 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

20 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes. Oh, I'm sorry.
21 Any further discussion? Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. Motion
22 passes.

23 DR. KATSETOS: All opposed, say nay. And
24 motion passes.

25 Katsetos. I motion to approve Paul

1 Ferrucci's non-service-connected disability retirement.

2 Is there a second?

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

4 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? You can call
5 the vote.

6 DR. KATSETOS: All in favor, say aye.
7 Katsetos, aye.

8 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

9 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

10 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
11 nay. Motion passes.

12 Motion to table Lori Inman's service
13 disability retirement application. Is there a second?

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

15 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

16 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
17 aye. Aye.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

19 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

20 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
21 nay. Motion passes.

22 I motion to approve Eugenia Lavoie's service-
23 connected disability application. Is there a second?

24 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

25 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

1 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
2 aye. Aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

4 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

5 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
6 nay. Motion passes.

7 I motion to approve Christine Lawrence's non-
8 service disability retirement application. Is there a
9 second?

10 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

11 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

12 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
13 aye. Aye.

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

15 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

16 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
17 nay. Motion passes.

18 I motion to approve Arron McLaughlin's
19 service-connected disability application. Is there a
20 second?

21 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

22 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

23 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
24 aye. Aye.

25 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

1 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

2 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
3 nay. Motion passes.

4 I motion to deny Douglas Moore's service-
5 connected disability retirement application. Is there
6 a second?

7 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

8 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

9 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
10 aye. Aye.

11 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

12 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

13 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
14 nay. Motion passes.

15 I motion to table Sean Moriarty's service-
16 connected disability application. Is there a second?

17 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

18 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion?

19 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
20 aye. Aye.

21 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

22 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

23 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
24 nay. Motion passes.

25 Katsetos. I motion to table Paul Napoli's

1 service-connected application for disability
2 retirement. Is there a second?

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

4 MS. KALLOR: Any further discussion? Okay.

5 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
6 aye.

7 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

8 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

9 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
10 nay. Motion passes.

11 I motion to table Tanya Parker's service-
12 connected disability retirement application. Is there
13 a second?

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

15 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

16 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
17 aye. Aye.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

19 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

20 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
21 nay. Motion passes, Katsetos.

22 I motion to approve Levonne Perez-Sutton's
23 service-connected disability application. Is there a
24 second?

25 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

1 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

2 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
3 aye. Aye.

4 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

5 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

6 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
7 nay. Motion passes.

8 I motion to approve Christopher St. Jacques'
9 service-connected disability retirement application.
10 Is there a second?

11 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

12 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

13 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
14 aye. Aye.

15 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

16 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

17 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
18 nay. Motion passes.

19 I motion to approve David Williams' non-
20 service-connected disability application. Is there a
21 second?

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

23 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

24 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
25 aye. Aye.

1 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

2 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

3 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
4 nay. Motion passes.

5 I motion to deny Marcelle Zeitoun's service-
6 connected disability retirement application. Is there
7 a second?

8 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

9 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

10 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
11 aye. Katsetos, aye.

12 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

13 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

14 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
15 nay. Motion passes.

16 Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

17 MS. KALLOR: Before you do that, there's one
18 person that I just want to make sure wasn't skipped,
19 and that was Hull. I was checking them off as I went
20 along. So-

21 DR. KATSETOS: Oh, you're right. If we
22 didn't read it, we'll read it now.

23 Rosenda Hull. I motion to approve Rosenda
24 Hull's non-service-connected disability application.
25 Is there a second?

1 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

2 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

3 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
4 aye.

5 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

6 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

7 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
8 nay. Motion passes.

9 Anyone on the list that you noticed?

10 MS. KALLOR: No. Nope, that was it.

11 DR. KATSETOS: All right, great. Motion that
12 we adjourn the meeting.

13 DR. GERRATANA: This is Dr. Gerratana.

14 Before you entertain a motion to adjourn, I
15 respectfully request that we go back into executive
16 session for an item I would like to present.

17 DR. KATSETOS: I second that motion,
18 Katsetos.

19 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

20 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

21 MS. KALLOR: Okay. One second.

22 (The Board was in executive session from 1:53
23 p.m. until 1:58 p.m.)

24 MS. KALLOR: Okay, we are all in the meeting.

25 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos here. I motion to

1 re-vote on Tanya Parker's application for disability
2 retirement. Is there a second?

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

4 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

5 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
6 aye. Katsetos, aye.

7 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

8 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

9 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
10 nay. Motion passes.

11 I motion to - Katsetos. I motion to approve
12 Tanya Parker's application for service-connected
13 disability retirement. Is there a second?

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

15 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

16 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
17 aye.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

19 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

20 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos, aye. All opposed,
21 say nay. Motion passes.

22 Katsetos. I make a motion to adjourn the
23 meeting.

24 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

25 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? Okay.

1 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All in favor, say
2 aye. Katsetos, aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

4 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.

5 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos. All opposed, say
6 nay. The motion passes.

7 The meeting is adjourned.

8 MS. KALLOR: Okay. Take care.

9 (Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.)
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