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**In The Matter Of:**  
*SERC Medical Examining Board*

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

April 23, 2021 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:14 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Lynn Rudich  
Dr. Sachin Parekh  
Dr. Fielding Johnson

Also Present:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director, Retirement Services  
Unit  
Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division  
Robert Helfand,  
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division  
Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor, General Counsel to the State  
Employees Retirement Commission

Court Reporter: Theresa Bergstrand, CSR #406

1 (The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m.)

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3 DR. RUDICH: The April 23, 2021 meeting on the  
4 Medical Examining Board is now in session. I am Dr.  
5 Lynn Rudich, Chairperson. Also here is Dr. Sachin  
6 Parekh and Dr. Fielding Johnson. Present from the  
7 Office of the State Controller Retirement Services  
8 Division are staff member Colin Newman and Annette  
9 Sadlowski, Robert Helfand and William Cassada. General  
10 Counsel for the Retirement Commission is also with us.

11 I am going make a motion to add Joshua Malaro to  
12 the agenda.

13 DR. PAREKH: Second.

14 DR. RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor say aye  
15 all opposed say nay. Motion passes.

16 I make a motion to go into Executive Session, but I  
17 request that members of the Retirement Services Division  
18 and Counsel be allowed to remain, is there a second?

19 DR. PAREKH: Second.

20 DR. RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor say aye.  
21 All opposed say nay. Motion passes.

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23 (Whereupon a brief recess took place for  
24 Executive Session.)

1 DR. RUDICH: Cindy, will you do the actual votes?

2 MS. CIESLAK: Yes. Give me one second, all the  
3 people from the waiting room are coming back in.

4 DR. RUDICH: The Board will be making  
5 determinations and voting on those determinations, but  
6 would like to remind members that only the final vote  
7 will be given today, not the reasons for the vote. In  
8 some instances there may not have been enough medical  
9 information to make a determination or possibly a  
10 Nonservice-Connected Disability is more likely than a  
11 Service-Connected Disability. An initial denial you may  
12 seek reconsideration. You will receive the Board's  
13 written determination within two to four weeks and that  
14 will provide additional information.

15 I make a motion to deny the Service-Connected  
16 Disability Retirement of Thomas Banulski.

17 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Johnson second the motion. Any  
19 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
20 aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion passes.

21 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the  
22 application for Service-Connected Disability Retirement  
23 of John Blanchard.

24 DR. PAREKH: Second.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any

1 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 2 aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion passes.

3 DR. RUDICH: This is Dr. Rudich, I make a motion to  
 4 change from a Service to Nonservice-Connected Disability  
 5 Retirement for Terrence Brown.

6 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Any  
 8 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 9 aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion passes.

10 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
 11 deny the application for Service-Connected Disability  
 12 Retirement of Donna DiMauro.

13 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Any  
 15 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 16 aye. Any opposed say any. The motion passes.

17 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
 18 table the application for Nonservice-Connected  
 19 Disability Retirement of Jodi Erdos.

20 DR. PAREKH: Second.

21 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any  
 22 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 23 aye. Any opposed posed say nay. The motion passes.

24 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich. I make a motion to  
 25 deny the application for Service-Connected Disability

1 Retirement of Paul Faulkner, but the Board would look  
 2 favorably on Nonservice-Connected Disability.

3 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Any  
 5 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 6 aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion passes.

7 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich. I make a motion to  
 8 approve the application for Nonservice-Connected  
 9 Disability Retirement of Barbara Gilblair.

10 DR. PAREKH: Second.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any  
 12 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 13 aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion passes.

14 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
 15 approve the application for Nonservice-Connected  
 16 Disability Retirement of Michael Grate.

17 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Any  
 19 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 20 aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

21 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
 22 approve the application for Service-Connected Disability  
 23 Retirement of Jay Hankins.

24 DR. PAREKH: Second.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any

1 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 2 aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

3 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
 4 change from Service to Nonservice-Connected Disability  
 5 Retirement of the application of Deborah Jett-Harris.

6 DR. PAREKH: Second.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any  
 8 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 9 aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

10 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny, this is  
 11 Rudich, I make a motion to deny the application for  
 12 Nonservice-Connected Disability Retirement of William  
 13 Kenney.

14 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Any  
 16 further discussion? There been none, all in favor say  
 17 aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion passes.

18 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
 19 change from Service to Nonservice-Connected Disability  
 20 Retirement Application of Joshua Malaro.

21 DR. PAREKH: Second.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any  
 23 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 24 aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

25 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to



1 approve the application for Nonservice-Connected  
2 Disability Retirement of Seamus Otis.

3 DR. PAREKH: Second.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any  
5 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
6 aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

7 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
8 approve the application for Nonservice-Connected  
9 Disability Retirement of Kyle Parkinson.

10 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

11 MS. CIESLAK: I believe Dr. Johnson seconded the  
12 motion, is that accurate?

13 DR. JOHNSON: Yes.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. Any further discussion?  
15 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed say  
16 nay. The motion passes.

17 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
18 deny the application for Service-Connected Disability  
19 Retirement of Cheryl Reed, but the Board will look  
20 favorably on Nonservice-Connected Disability.

21 DR. PAREKH: Second.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any  
23 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
24 aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

25 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to

1 deny the application for Service-Connected Disability  
 2 Retirement of Wanda Robinson, but the Board would look  
 3 favorably on Nonservice-Connected Disability.

4 DR. PAREKH: Second.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any  
 6 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 7 aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion passes.

8 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
 9 approve the application for Nonservice-Connected  
 10 Disability Retirement for Sherri Us.

11 DR. PAREKH: Second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any  
 13 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 14 aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

15 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
 16 deny the application for Service-Connected Disability  
 17 Retirement of Keith White.

18 DR. JOHNSON: Second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Any  
 20 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
 21 aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

22 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, I make a motion to  
 23 approve the application for Service-Connected Disability  
 24 Retirement of Dwayne Yon.

25 DR. PAREKH: Second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. Any  
2 further discussion? There being none, all in favor say  
3 aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

4 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn today's  
5 session of the Medical Examining Board.

6 DR. PAREKH: Second.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh seconded the motion. All  
8 in favor say aye. All right. I don't believe anyone is  
9 opposed, so we are adjourned.

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11 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 11:18  
12 a.m.)  
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Theresa Bergstrand, CSR, a Notary Public for the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the preceding pages are an accurate transcription of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission, Medical Examining Board meeting held electronically via Zoom, convening at 9:14 a.m., on April 23, 2021.

WITNESS my hand this 9th day of July, 2021.

*Theresa Bergstrand*

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Theresa Bergstrand, CSR  
My Commission Expires 3/31/2026