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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

May 7, 2021 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:07 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Nicolai Lieders
Dr. Manny Katsetos
Dr. Amarjeet Dargan

Also Present:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director, Retirement Services
Unit
Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division
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 9:07 a.m.)

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3 DR. LIEDERS: All right. So meeting come to order.
4 The May 7th, 2021 meeting of the Medical Examining Board
5 is now in session. I am Dr. Lieders. All the members
6 of the Medical Examining Board are Dr. Katsetos and Dr.
7 Dargan. Present from the Office of the State Controller
8 Retirement Services Division, Mr. Colin Newman. I don't
9 know if he is here already.

10 MR. NEWMAN: I am here.

11 DR. LIEDERS: Annette Sadlowski, Robert Helfand,
12 William Cassada and General Counsel for the Retirement
13 Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

14 There is no amendments to be made to the agenda.
15 So just explain the medical Examining Board will be
16 going into Executive Session, during which we are going
17 to be discussing all the cases on today's agenda. The
18 Executive Session, it is not open to the public, so I am
19 going to ask, I am going to make a motion for us to go
20 in to Executive Session, actually. We need a second.

21 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos, second.

22 DR. LIEDERS: Is there any discussion? All in
23 favor say aye. All opposed say nay. Motion passes. We
24 are in Executive Session. I am going to ask also
25 members of the Retirement Services Division to stay with

1 us for the Executive Session, as well as General
2 Counsel.

3 MS. CIESLAK: All right. Good morning everyone,
4 this is Cindy Cieslak, I am the attorney for the
5 Retirement Commission. There have been three people
6 that are here for the public session. I am going put
7 you back in the waiting room. The doctors are going to
8 go through the agenda and have their discussion on each
9 matter. When we get to your matter, you will be invited
10 in to make your statement and then you will be put back
11 in the waiting room, and then you will be brought back
12 in when the doctors are ready to vote. They will go
13 back into the public session and then everyone can listen
14 to the votes on the matter.

15 So at this time I am going put you back in the
16 waiting room. It sometimes does take a little bit of
17 time for the doctors to discuss each case, so just hang
18 tight.

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20 (Whereupon a recess was taken for Executive
21 Session.)
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23 MS. CIESLAK: All right. Dr. Lieders, when you are
24 ready.

25 DR. LIEDERS: Yes. Well we are now in public

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

10 So moving along, I will make a motion to approve
11 Lisa Beaupre's application for continuation of
12 Nonservice-Connected Disability Retirement.

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

16 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to table Trinene
17 Davis's application for Nonservice-Connected Disability
18 Retirement.

19 DR. KATSETOS: I second.

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

23 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to approve Brian
24 Hankard's application for continuation of
25 Service-Connected Disability Retirement.

1 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos, second the motion.

2 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There being
3 none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The
4 motion passes two to one.

5 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to table Jason
6 Hawes' application for continuation of Service-Connected
7 Disability Retirement.

8 DR. KATSETOS: Second.

9 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There being
10 none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The
11 motion passes.

12 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to approve Andrew
13 Marchese's application for continuation of
14 Service-Connected Disability Retirement.

15 DR. KATSETOS: I second the motion.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There being
17 none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The
18 motion passes two to one.

19 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to approve Jessica
20 Marquez's application for continuation of
21 Service-Connected Disability Retirement.

22 DR. KATSETOS: Second the motion.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There being
24 none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The
25 motion passes two to one.

1 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to approve John
2 Masciotra's application for Nonservice-Connected
3 Disability Retirement, continuation of it.

4 DR. KATSETOS: Second the motion, Katsetos.

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

8 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to table Luis
9 Muniz's application for continuation of
10 Nonservice-Connected Disability Retirement.

11 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos, second the motion.

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

15 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to approve Michael
16 Papacoda's application for continuation of
17 Nonservice-Connected Disability Retirement.

18 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos, second the motion.

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

22 DR. LIEDERS: I think we reviewed all the cases, so
23 I will make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

24 DR. KATSETOS: Katsetos, second the motion.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say

1 aye. All right we are adjourned. Thank you everyone.

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3 (Whereupon the meeting concluded at 1:50 p.m.)
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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 9:07 a.m., on May 7, 2021.

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

Theresa Bergstrand

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My Commission Expires 3/31/2026