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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

June 11, 2021 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:05 A.M.

Present:

Dr. Sachin Parekh, Chairperson  
Dr. Lynn Rudich  
Dr. Ralph Rosenberg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director, Retirement Division  
Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Unit,  
Retirement Services Division  
Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit,  
Retirement Division  
William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit,  
Retirement Division  
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose  
Kallor, LLP

Court Reporter: Theresa Bergstrand, CSR #406

1 (The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.)

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3 DR. PAREKH: I call to order the meeting of the  
4 Medical Examining Board for July 11th, 2021. The  
5 meeting is now in session. I am Dr. Sachin Parekh,  
6 Chairperson. Present is Dr. Lynn Rudich and Dr. Ralph  
7 Rosenberg. Present from the Office of the State  
8 Controller Retirement Services Division are staff  
9 members from the Retirement Services Division include  
10 Colin Newman, Annette Sadlowski, Robert Helfand, William  
11 Cassada and from the General Counsel of the Retirement  
12 Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

13 I note that there are no amendments to the agenda.  
14 And I make a motion to go into Executive Session.

15 DR. RUDICH: I second the motion, Dr. Rudich.

16 DR. PAREKH: For purposes of discussing individual  
17 member's disability health issues, I request that the  
18 members of the Retirement Services Division be allowed  
19 to remain.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh, does your motion also  
21 include to allow the General Counsel for the Retirement  
22 Commission to remain?

23 DR. PAREKH: Yes.

24 MS. CIESLAK: All right. Any further discussion?  
25 There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed say

1     nay. All right, the motion passes.

2             We got a message that I think Dr. Parekh accidentally  
3     said July 11th, and so the record will reflect that this  
4     is the meeting of June 11th.

5             All right. So Mr. Porto and Ms. Crespi, I am going  
6     to place you back in the waiting room. The doctors will  
7     discuss each of the matters that you are here for in  
8     Executive Session, and then they will invite you in to  
9     make the statement, and then they will go back into  
10    public session to make the determination on the matter.  
11    Mr. Porto, who do you represent today?

12            MR. PORTO: Dr. Tony Crespi.

13            MS. CIESLAK: Okay.

14            MR. PORTO: And can you, we have a witness that's,  
15    I am not seeing, is there anybody else in the waiting  
16    room? It is Dr. Anthony Landino, very specifically.

17            MS. CIESLAK: He just came in the waiting room.  
18    The motion was to go into Executive Session, so once  
19    your matter is called, we will let the doctor in, as  
20    well.

21            MR. PORTO: I appreciate that. Thank you so much.  
22    Is there, can you give us any sense of time?

23            MS. CIESLAK: Hard to say. It is very hard to say.

24            MR. PORTO: All right. We will be here.

25            MS. CIESLAK: Okay. All right.

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2 (Whereupon a short recess was taken.)  
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4 MS. CIESLAK: All right. Welcome back, Dr. Crespi  
5 and Attorney Casini. The Medical Examining Board is  
6 back in public session. Dr. Parekh, when you are ready.

7 DR. PAREKH: The Board will be making its  
8 determinations and voting, but would like to remind  
9 members that only the final vote will be given today,  
10 and not the reasons for the vote. In some instances  
11 there may not have been enough medical information to  
12 make a favorable determination. You may seek  
13 reconsideration of the initial denial. You will receive  
14 the Board's determination within two to four weeks,  
15 which will provide you with the additional information.

16 The board makes a motion to deny the application of  
17 Service-Connected Disability Entitlement to Dr. Tony  
18 Crespi.

19 DR. RUDICH: Second the motion. Dr. Rudich.

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

23 DR. PAREKH: The Board makes a motion to deny the  
24 application of Service-Connected Disability Entitlement  
25 to Jeffrey Patton.

1 DR. RUDICH: This is Rudich, second the motion.

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

5 DR. PAREKH: I make a motion to adjourn the  
6 meeting.

7 DR. RUDICH: Second the motion, Dr. Rudich.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say  
9 aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion passes. The  
10 meeting is adjourned.

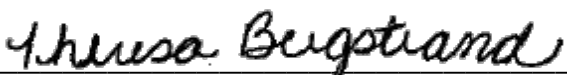
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12 (The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.)  
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I, Theresa Bergstrand, CSR, a Notary Public for the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the preceding pages are an accurate transcription of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission, Medical Examining Board meeting held electronically via Zoom, convening at 9:05 a.m., on June 11, 2021.

WITNESS my hand this 20th day of July, 2021.

  
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Theresa Bergstrand, CSR  
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