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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

June 18, 2021 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:03 A.M.

Present:

Dr. Lynn Rudich, Chairperson
Dr. Eric Shore
Dr. Vasanth Kainkaryam

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 9:03 a.m.)

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3 DR. RUDICH: Calling to order the June 18, 2021
4 meeting of the Medical Examining Board. I am Dr. Lynn
5 Rudich. We have Dr. Eric Shore and Dr. Vasanth
6 Kainkaryam. Present from the Office of the State
7 Controller Retirement Services Division are, staff
8 members Colin Newman, Annette Sadlowski, Robert Helfand,
9 William Cassada -- is he with us -- yes. And General
10 Counsel for the Retirement Commission Cindy Cieslak.

11 There are no amendments to the agenda. I make a
12 motion to go into Executive Session, but I request that
13 members of the Retirement Services Division be allowed
14 to remain.

15 DR. SHORE: Second.

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

18 MS. CIESLAK: All right. For the record, Dr.
19 Rudich, your motion also includes that General Counsel
20 for the Retirement Commission can also remain?

21 DR. RUDICH: Yes.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. And for the record, if it
23 wasn't clear, Dr. Shore seconded that motion.

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25 (Whereupon a short recess was taken.)

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2 DR. RUDICH: I ask Cindy Cieslak to do the vote
3 counts.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Sure.

5 DR. RUDICH: For the remainder.

6 MS. CIESLAK: No problem.

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

16 I make the motion to table Continued Entitlement to
17 Service-Connected Disability of Crystal Corbett.

18 DR. SHORE: Second.

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

22 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to table Continued
23 Entitlement to Service-Connected Disability of Socorro
24 Cortijo.

25 DR. SHORE: Second.

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

4 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the Continued
5 Entitlement of Service-Connected Disability Retirement
6 of Barbara Flanagan.

7 DR. SHORE: Second.

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

11 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to table the Continued
12 Entitlement to Nonservice-Connected Disability of
13 Michelle Lopes.

14 DR. SHORE: Second.

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

18 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the
19 Continued Entitlement to Nonservice-Connected Disability
20 Retirement of Donna Maldonado.

21 DR. SHORE: Second.

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

25 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to table the Continued

1 Entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement
2 of Sherene Nelson.

3 DR. SHORE: Second.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Shore 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: I make a motion to approve the
8 Continued Entitlement to Service-Connected Disability
9 Retirement of Basilio Ortiz.

10 DR. SHORE: Second.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Shore 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: I make a motion to table the Continued
15 Entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement
16 of John Spring.

17 DR. SHORE: Second.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Shore seconded 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 approve the
22 Continued Entitlement to Nonservice-Connected Disability
23 Retirement of Richard Tomaszewski.

24 DR. SHORE: Second.

25 MS. CIESLAK: All right. For the record, Dr.

1 Rudich has made all of these motions and Dr. Shore
2 seconded that motion. And I don't think I said this,
3 and I should have, this is Cindy Cieslak, and I have
4 been calling the votes.

5 So any further discussion? There being none, all
6 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
7 passes.

8 DR. RUDICH: This is Dr. Rudich. I make a motion
9 to approve the Continued Entitlement pursuant to the
10 Memorandum of Understanding of August 6th, 2015 of the
11 following members: Mary Bonaventura, Deloris Campbell,
12 Joseph DeJesse, Judith DeJesus, Dawn Dube, Vanessa
13 Fitzner-Brone, Richard Martinez, Celia McAuley, John
14 McMahon, Marilyn Melendez, Beverly Murphy, Wanda Orengo,
15 Jannette Parrila, Joseph Pelletier, Jeremy Perrin, Ian
16 Greaves, Justin Hjulstrom, Deborah Jett-Harris, William
17 Julian, Debra Leggo, Betty Leone, Brenda Pierce, Robert
18 Reilly, Jean Richards, Johanne Sestito, John Stephenson,
19 Laura Torres, Michael Wood and Sidney Yelton. Is there
20 a second?

21 DR. KAINKARYAM: Second.

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

25 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn the

1 meeting. This is Dr. Rudich.

2 DR. KAINKARYAM: Second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Kainkaryam the motion, I believe.
4 Is that accurate? Okay. Thank you. Any further
5 discussion? There been none, all in favor say aye. All
6 right, we are adjourned.

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8 (The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 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 9:03 a.m., on June 18, 2021.

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



Theresa Bergstrand, CSR
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