

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2023 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:04 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Lynn Rudich
Dr. J. Robert Galvin
Dr. Eric Shore
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor, LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:04 a.m.)

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5 MS. CIESLAK: All right, Dr. Rudich, whenever
6 you are ready.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: The January 27th, 2023
8 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
9 session. We have Dr. Eric Shore, Dr. John Galvin, and
10 I am Dr. Lynn Rudich. Present from the Office of the
11 State Comptroller, Retirement Services Division are
12 Robert Helfand and William Cassada. Also present is
13 the General Counsel to the Retirement Commission, Cindy
14 Cieslak.

15 I make a motion to go into executive session.

16 DR. SHORE: Second.

17 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

18 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I also - maybe we'll go
19 back to the motion - request that the members of the
20 Retirement Services and the General Counsel be allowed
21 to remain.

22 Do I have a second to that?

23 DR. GALVIN: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
25 favor, say aye.

1 DR. SHORE: Aye.

2 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye. All opposed, say
4 nay. The motion passes.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you, Dr. Rudich. This is
6 Cindy Cieslak. For the members of the public who are
7 here, I'm going to place you back in the waiting room,
8 and then you will be invited back in when the doctors
9 reenter public session.

10 (The Board was in executive session from 9:04
11 a.m. until 10:55 a.m.)

12 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Rudich, you can proceed
13 when you're ready.

14 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Okay. The Board has
15 made its determinations but would like to remind
16 members that only the final vote will be given today
17 and not the reasons for the vote. In some instances,
18 there may not have been enough medical information to
19 make a favorable determination. You can seek a
20 reconsideration of a denial. You'll receive the
21 Board's determination within two to four weeks, which
22 will provide you with that additional information.

23 This is Rudich. I make a motion to table the
24 application for continued entitlements of service-
25 connected disability retirement of Koren Catchings.

1 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

2 DR. SHORE: Shore, agree.

3 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Any
4 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
5 say aye.

6 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

8 DR. SHORE: Aye.

9 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
10 motion passes.

11 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: This is Rudich. I make
12 a motion to approve the continued entitlements of non-
13 service-connected disability retirement of Robert
14 Erickson.

15 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
17 being none, all in favor, say aye.

18 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

20 DR. SHORE: Aye.

21 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
22 motion passes.

23 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: This is Rudich. I make
24 a motion to deny the continued entitlement to non-
25 service-connected disability retirement of Nancy Foley.

1 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

2 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
3 being none, all in favor, say aye.

4 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

6 DR. SHORE: Aye.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
8 motion passes.

9 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
10 the continued entitlement to non-service-connected
11 disability retirement of Suzanne Laprise.

12 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

13 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
14 being none, all in favor, say aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

16 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

17 DR. SHORE: Aye, Shore.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
19 motion passes.

20 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: This is Rudich. I make
21 a motion to deny the continued entitlement to non-
22 service-connected disability retirement of Tracy
23 Lovelle.

24 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There

1 being none, all in favor, say aye.

2 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

4 DR. SHORE: Aye.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
6 motion passes.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to table
8 the continued entitlement to service-connected
9 disability retirement of Delondra Munn.

10 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
12 being none, all in favor, say aye.

13 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
16 motion passes.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich. I make a motion
18 to approve the continued entitlements to non-service-
19 connected disability retirement of Jo-Ann Pomo.

20 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

21 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
22 being none, all in favor, say aye.

23 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

25 DR. SHORE: Aye.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
2 motion passes.

3 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich. I make a motion
4 to table the continued entitlement of non-service-
5 connected disability retirement of Kevin Rivenburgh.

6 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
8 being none, all in favor, say aye.

9 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

10 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
13 motion passes.

14 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: This is Rudich. I make
15 a motion to deny the continued entitlement to non-
16 service-connected disability retirement of Fred
17 Stephenson.

18 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
20 being none, all in favor, say aye.

21 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

22 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
25 motion passes.

1 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: This is Rudich. I make
2 a motion to approve the continued entitlement to
3 service-connected disability retirement of Marcus
4 Thomas.

5 DR. GALVIN: Second, Galvin.

6 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
7 being none, all in favor, say aye.

8 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

9 DR. GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
11 motion passes.

12 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: This is Rudich. I make
13 a motion to table the reconsideration of continued
14 entitlement to service-connected disability retirement
15 of Ismael Toledo.

16 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, second.

17 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
18 being none, all in favor, say aye.

19 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

21 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
23 motion passes.

24 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich. I make a motion
25 to approve the continued entitlement to non-service-

1 connected disability retirement of Linda Turgeon.

2 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
4 being none, all in favor, say aye.

5 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

6 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
9 motion passes.

10 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich. I make a motion
11 to approve the continued entitlement to non-service-
12 connected disability retirement of Jacqueline Watford.

13 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
15 being none, all in favor, say aye.

16 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

17 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
20 motion passes.

21 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich. I make a motion
22 to approve the continued entitlements of service-
23 connected disability retirement of Dean Wojcik.

24 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There

1 being none, all in favor, say aye.

2 DR. GALVIN: Galvin, aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

4 DR. SHORE: Aye.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
6 motion passes.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: This is Rudich.

8 Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding of August
9 6th, 2015, I make a motion to approve the continued
10 entitlement to disability retirement of the following:
11 Neil Atkinson, Martin D'Amico, Valerie Fazzino, Albert
12 Gomez, Hortense Morais, Zofia Mroczek, Marisol Padin-
13 Sanchez, Jason Massai, Claudette Sands, Kelly Coviello,
14 Christopher Robert, Dannette Rodriguez.

15 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
17 being none, all in favor, say aye.

18 DR. GALVIN: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

20 DR. SHORE: (Inaudible)

21 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
22 motion passes.

23 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Okay. I make a motion -
24 it's Rudich. I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.
25 Is there a second?

1 DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
3 favor, say aye.

4 DR. SHORE: Aye.

5 DR. GALVIN: Aye. This is Galvin.

6 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye. All opposed, say
7 nay. The motion passes.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you.

9 (Adjourned at 11:03 a.m.)

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