# MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, April 28, 2023, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. Circumstances created by the COVID-19 virus have resulted in all Medical Examining Board meetings are being conducted electronically.

## PRESENT:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON Frank Gerratana, M.D. J. Robert Galvin, M.D.

#### ABSENT:

Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Richard Blum, M.D.
Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division Melinda Powell, General Counsel to the Commission Rose Kallor, LLP.

Please note that a portion of the meeting was conducted in executive session as the focus of the meeting was the medical condition(s) of each Disability Retirement applicant.

## CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to amend agenda to:

Move Chantel Poulin and Juan Sanchez to "CE Pursuant to The Memorandum..." due to SSD at 9:08 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, at 9:09 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 10:15 am.

#### MINUTES TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD -2- April 28, 2023

**ROSEMARY ANDRADE** 

D- 13057

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Rosemary Andrade's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**GWYNETH ARACE-TOPOLSKI** 

D- 13189

**CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT** 

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Gwyneth Arace-Topolski's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SONNIE COUNCIL

D-13177

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Sonnie Council's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEPHANIE EDWARDS

D-13046

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Stephanie Edwards' entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**EDUARDO FLOREZ** 

D-13202

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Eduardo Florez's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MANUEL GOMES

D-13011

**CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT** 

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to discontinue Manuel Gomes' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JENNIFER HUNTER

D- 13172

**CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT** 

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Jennifer Hunter's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**NATALIE JOHNSON** 

D-13187

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Natalie Johnson's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KIMBERLEY KLINEFELTER

D-13028

**CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT** 

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Kimberley Klinefelter's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**ROBERT LAWSON** 

D-13171

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Robert Lawson's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANA MINA

D- 13169

**CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT** 

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Ana Mina's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JESSICA OLSON

D- 13198

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Jessica Olson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

#### MINUTES TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD -3- April 28, 2023

TANYA PARKER D- 12746 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Tanya Parker's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEVONNE PEREZ-SUTTON D- 13186 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Levonne Perez-Sutton's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN REYNOLDS D- 13184 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue John Reynolds' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL WHITE D- 13121 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Michael White's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

# Continued Entitlement Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding of August 6, 2015

DEXTER BIGGS D- 13337 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Dexter Biggs' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JERRY BOULWARE D- 13295 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Jerry Boulware's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously

MELANIE EMERY D- 13192 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Melanie Emery's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES GAGLIONE D- 13426 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue James Gaglione's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSE GIL D- 13378 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Jose Gil's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VINCENT LANTERI D- 13391 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Vincent Lanteri's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTINE LAWRENCE D- 13280 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Christine Lawrence's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

### MINUTES TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD -4- April 28, 2023

JOSEPH MARCHESE

D- 13430

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Joseph Marchese's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**FAITH MARSELLI** 

D- 12086

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Faith Marselli's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RAELEEN McMILLAN

D- 13258

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Raeleen McMillan's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**GARY NEWTON** 

D- 13274

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Gary Newton's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PATRICK O'BRIEN

D- 13234

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Patrick O'Brien's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**CHANTEL POULIN** 

D- 13204

**CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT** 

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Chantel Poulin's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JUAN SANCHEZ

D-13201

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Juan Sanchez's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTA SCHULZ

D- 13219

**CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT** 

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Krista Schulz's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**EDNA SHLIEN** 

D-13309

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Edna Shlien's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**DEBORAH SILVA** 

D- 13326

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Deborah Silva's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**CAROLYN TIMMONS** 

D-13417

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Carolyn Timmons' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**CEDRICA TITUS** 

D- 13339

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Cedrica Titus' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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# ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 am. Motion approved unanimously.