MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD INVESTIGATION FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, August 25, 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:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON Frank Gerratana, M.D. Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

ABSENT:

Manny Katsetos, M.D. Sokpoleak So, M.D. Sachin Parekh, M.D. Sheldon Nova, M.D. Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D. Nicolai Lieders, M.D. Fielding Johnson, M.D.

Eric T. Shore, M.D. Richard Blum, M.D. Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D. Amarjeet Dargan, M.D. J. Robert Galvin, M.D. Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division Cindy Cieslak, 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 9:06 am.

Dr. Rudich motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, at 9:07 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

Dr. Shore motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Nova at 9:58 am.

- 1. William Pagoni and Attorneys Jeffrey Ment and Kyle Zelazny appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:42 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:07 pm.
- 2. David Diaz and Attorney Mark Blakeman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:28 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:41 pm.

- 3. Domingo Malave and his assistant, Karla Rodriguez were at the Comptroller's Office and appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:56 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:13 pm.
- 4. Cordelia Thorpe and Attorney Cynthia Jennings were at the Comptroller's Office and appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:19 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:54 pm.
- 5. Christopher Vescera and his wife, Dawn Vescera were at the Comptroller's Office and appeared on Zoom before the Board at 2:01 pm. Mr. Vescera made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 2:07 pm.
- 6. Christopher Robinson and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 2:09 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 2:21 pm.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg at 2:24 pm.

DAVID DIAZD- 8695CONTINUED ENTITLEMENTDr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to discontinue David Diaz's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability
Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Rosenberg dissents.

DOMINGO MALAVED- 11333CONTINUED ENTITLEMENTDr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to continue Domingo Malave's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability
Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM PAGONID- 8022CONTINUED ENTITLEMENTDr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to discontinue William Pagoni's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability
Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.Pagoni's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability

CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON D- 8492 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT(RECONSIDERATION) Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to stand by the Board's previous decision to discontinue Christopher Robinson's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CORDELIA THORPED- 7887CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT (RECONSIDERATION)Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to stand by the Board's previous decision to discontinue Cordelia Thorpe's
entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER VESCERA D- 8678 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to discontinue Christopher Vescera's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm. Motion approved unanimously.