

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on February 10, 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:

Sachin Parekh, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.

ABSENT:

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.	Poleak So, M.D.
Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Eric T. Shore, M.D.
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.	Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.	Manny Katsetos, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
William Cassada, Disability Retirement 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 9:11 am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Nova at 9:12 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. There was a brief break at 12:11 pm. until 12:20 pm.

1. Dexter Biggs and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:21 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:26 pm.
2. Mark Donnelly and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:28 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:32 pm.

3. Attorney Russell Zimberlin, on behalf of Faith Marselli, appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:35 pm. He made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 12:36 pm.
4. Lori Inman and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:39 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:48 pm.
5. Sean Moriarty and Attorney John Walsh appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:49 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:52 pm.

Dr. Parekh motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Nova at 12:53 pm.

Dr. Parekh motioned, and Dr. Nova seconded to amend the agenda to:

Add Philip Norris at 12:54 pm.

MARIO ALVAREZ D- 13515 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Mario Alvarez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEXTER BIGGS D-13337 SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Dexter Biggs' entitlement to Service Connected Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ETHELINE BISSETTE D- 13507 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Etheline Bissette's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GIUSEPPE BONGIOVANNI D- 13503 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Giuseppe Bongiovanni's entitlement to Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBIN BOYD D-13513 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Robin Boyd's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JASON DEARY D- 13508 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Jason Deary's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARK DONNELLY D-13313 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Mark Donnelly's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN DYSON D- 13509 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve John Dyson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SONIA IBARRONDO D- 13499 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Sonia Ibarrondo's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LORI INMAN D- 12819 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Lori Inman's entitlement to Service Connected Retirement, but would look favorably upon Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PAMELA LEVESQUE D- 13506 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Pamela Levesque's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FAITH MARSELLI D- 12086 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Faith Marselli's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KIM MILIA D- 13514 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Kim Milia's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SEAN MORIARTY MD-1614 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Sean Moriarty's entitlement to Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PHILIP NORRIS MD-1661 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Philip Norris' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board did approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHARLES REVERE D- 13495 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Charles Revere's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHELE SALONIA D- 13501 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Michele Salonia's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL SAWKA D- 13505 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Michael Sawka's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALBERT SCOTT D- 13427 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Albert Scott's entitlement to Service Connected Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JESSICA STEFANOWICZ D- 13229 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED (POSTH.)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Jessica Stefanowicz's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAVID SVALESTAD

D- 13497

SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve David Svaestad's entitlement to Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARC WILSON

D- 13504

SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Marc Wilson's entitlement to Service Connected Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Nova to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 pm. Motion approved unanimously.