

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on January 13, 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.
Poleak So, M.D.

ABSENT:

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.	Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, 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 9:06 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned, and Dr. Gerratana seconded to amend the agenda to:
Remove Thomas Messina 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. Robert Helfand left the meeting at 11:00 am and returned at 12:15 pm. There was a brief break at 11:07 am. until 11:14 am.

1. Brian Logan, Liza Logan, and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:15 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:27 am.

2. Laurie Bernier and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:58 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:18 pm.
3. Scott Carignan, Sara Carignan, Attorney John Walsh Jr., Chief Edward Lennon, and Amy Gallagher, LCSW appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:37 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:08 pm.
4. Thomas Rice and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:10 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:17 pm.
5. Krista Schulz and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:19 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:30 pm.
6. Donald Taylor and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:32 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 1:44 pm.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 1:54 pm.

LAURIE BERNIER

D- 13176

SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Laurie Bernier's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NANCY BERTULIS

D- 13491

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Nancy Bertulis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROSY BOITEUX

D- 13492

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Rosy Boiteux's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLIN BYRNES

D- 13489

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Colin Byrnes' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SCOTT CARIGNAN

MD- 1646

SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Scott Carignan's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

OLIVE GILLING

D- 13493

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Olive Gilling's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANDRA JENKINS

D- 13248

SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Sandra Jenkins' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board did approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRIAN LOGAN

D- 13290

SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Brian Logan's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board did approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TANYA MARSHALL D- 13496 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Tanya Marshall's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARK MILUTIS D- 13231 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Mark Milutis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS RICE D- 13072 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Thomas Rice's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRIS ROCANELLO D- 13217 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Chris Rocanello's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PAUL SCHIPRITT D- 12739 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Paul Schipritt's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTA SCHULZ D- 13219 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Krista Schulz's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DONALD TAYLOR D- 13153 SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Donald Taylor's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board did approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBORAH WALKER D- 13266 SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Deborah Walker's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL WEST D- 13519 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Michael West's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 pm. Motion approved unanimously.