

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

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on March 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:

Frank Gerratana, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

ABSENT:

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.	Poleak So, M.D.
Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, 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. Rosenberg 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. There was a brief break at 11:06 am. until 11:09 am.

1. Peter Galimitakis appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:13 am. He made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 11:16 am.
2. Kaishawda Holley and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:17 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:22 am.

3. Angel Martinez and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:25 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:30 am.
4. Cheryl Taylor and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:31 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:34 am.

Dr. Gerratana motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Galvin at 11:40 am.

LOUIS ARBELO, JR. D- 13521 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Louis Arbelo, Jr.'s entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JEFFREY BABEY MD- 1581 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Jeffrey Babey's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES CONLEY D- 13009 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve James Conley's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JACQUELINE COOMBS D- 13527 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Jacqueline Coombs' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PAMELA COONEY D- 13511 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(POSTH.)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Pamela Cooney's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA DOTY D- 13128 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Lisa Doty's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANTONIO FERNANDES MD- 1676 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Antonio Fernandes' entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PETER GALIMITAKIS D- 13206 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Peter Galimitakis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUCY GILIBERTO D- 13365 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Lucy Giliberto's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

IRMA GOYCO-BURNHAN D- 12931 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Irma Goyco-Burnhan's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KAISHAWDA HOLLEY D- 13100 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Kaishawda Holley's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BERNADETTE KAZIBWE D- 13286 SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Bernadette Kazibwe's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PATRICIA LEWIS MD- 1672 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Patricia Lewis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANGEL MARTINEZ D- 13345 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Angel Martinez's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, however the Board approved entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS MESSINA MD- 1670 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Thomas Messina's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PATRICIA MIELA MD- 1674 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Patricia Miela's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHAWN MURPHY MD- 1677 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Shawn Murphy entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADRIAN PERA MD- 1671 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Adrian Pera's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SCOTT PETRAS D- 13516 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Scott Petras' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GORDON SANTACROCE D- 13518 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Gordon Santacroce's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHAWN SAYLOR MD- 1652 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Shawn Saylor's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VITINA SIDOTE

D- 13512

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Vitina Sidote's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHERYL TAYLOR

D- 13040

SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Cheryl Taylor's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL TOMANIO

D- 13517

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Michael Tomanio's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PATRICK WEBER

D- 13523

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Patrick Weber entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 am. Motion approved unanimously.