MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, March 24, 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 Sokpoleak So, M.D. Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

ABSENT:

Manny Katsetos, M.D.

Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Richard Blum, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.
J. Robert Galvin, 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 Robin Kallor, 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 9:05 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. So, at 9:06 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

- Dr. Parekh motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld at 10:35 am.
 - 1. Sherry Hawk and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:19 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 10:29 am.

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SHARON BELLIVEAU

D- 13155

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Sharon Belliveau's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RONALD BROWN

D- 12178

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Ronald Brown's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WAYNE CAMPBELL

D-12577

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Wayne Campbell's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAM CASTELOT

D- 13893

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Rafael Gonzalez's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANTHONY FAMA

D- 12607

CONTINUED ENTITI EMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Anthony Fama's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BARBARA GALLO

D- 13160

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Barbara Gallo's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TAHIRA GORDON

D- 13095

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Tahira Gordon's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHERRY HAWK

D- 12917

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Sherry Hawk's entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHERWYN HAYNES

D- 13163

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Sherwyn Haynes' entitlement to Non-Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEAN MASSE

D- 13137

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Dean Masse's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JUSTIN PIZZONIA

D- 11460

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to discontinue Justin Pizzonia's entitlement to Service-Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KFITH WHITE

D- 13145

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Keith White's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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

KENYA ADAMS-MARTIN

D- 12561

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Kenya Adams-Martin's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEVEN BIELINSKI, III

D- 13173

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Steven Bielinski, III's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously

GENE BOUTOT

D- 13205

CONTINUED ENTITI EMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Gene Boutot's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLIN BYRNES

D- 13489

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Colin Byrnes' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

OLIVE GILLING

D- 13493

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Olive Gilling's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

AMANDA LEROUX

D- 13208

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Amanda Leroux's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANDRA LUCIER

D- 13148

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Sandra Lucier's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EDWARD MAMBRUNO

D- 13214

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Edward Mambruno's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARC MORGAN

D- 11018

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Marc Morgan's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BEVERLY NEALY

D-13220

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Beverly Nealy's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER PANASCI

D-13222

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Christopher Panasci's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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THOMAS RICE D- 13072 CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Thomas Rice's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRIS ROCANELLO D- 13217

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Chris Rocanello's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ-JIMENEZ

D- 13185

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Anthony Rodriguez-Jimenez's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD STERN

D- 13158

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Richard Stern's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DONALD TAYLOR

D-13153

CONTINUED ENTITI EMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Donald Taylor's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAY VALENTIN

D- 13141

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Jay Valentin's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBIN VALLERAND

D- 13175

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Robin Vallerand's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Nova to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 am. Motion approved unanimously.