

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

MARCH 24, 2023 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:05 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Sachin Parekh, Chairperson
Dr. Poleak So
Dr. Michael Gerstenfeld
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
Robin Kallor, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:05 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The March 24th, 2023
6 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
7 session. Present are myself, Dr. Sachin Parekh serving
8 as Chairman, Dr. So - Poleak So, Dr. Michael
9 Gerstenfeld. Present from the Office of the State
10 Comptroller, Retirement Services Division, are Robert
11 Helfand, William Cassada, Helena Bartolomeo, and
12 General Counsel for the Retirement Commission is Robin
13 Kallor.

14 I make a motion to go into executive session
15 and request that the members of the Retirement Services
16 Division be allowed to remain.

17 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

18 DR. SO: Dr. So, second.

19 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

20 DR. SO: Aye.

21 DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

23 MS. KALLOR: Okay. It's unanimous. So we
24 will go into executive session.

25 (The board was in executive session from 9:07

1 a.m. until 10:36 a.m.)

2 MS. KALLOR: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: This is Dr. Parekh. The
4 board has made its determination, but would like to
5 remind members that only the final vote will be given
6 today and not the reasons for the vote. In some
7 instances, there may not have been enough medical
8 information to make a favorable determination. You may
9 seek reconsideration of a denial. You will receive the
10 board's determination within two to four weeks, which
11 will provide you with the additional information.

12 This is Dr. Sachin Parekh, Chairperson. I
13 will be reading the board's decisions. The board votes
14 to approve continued entitlement for Sharon Belliveau.

15 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

16 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

17 DR. SO: So, aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

19 MS. KALLOR: The motion passes unanimously.

20 MS. CIESLAK: I'm sorry. Did we have a
21 second?

22 MS. KALLOR: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay, so why
23 don't you—

24 DR. SO: Dr. So, second.

25 MS. KALLOR: Okay. Who just seconded it?

1 Dr. So?

2 DR. SO: Dr. So, yeah.

3 MS. KALLOR: Okay. Okay, so let's vote
4 again. So all in favor?

5 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

6 DR. SO: Aye.

7 DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye.

8 MS. KALLOR: Okay. Motion passes
9 unanimately. Next motion.

10 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
11 approve continued entitlement for Ronald Brown.

12 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

13 DR. SO: So, second.

14 MS. KALLOR: Okay. All in favor?

15 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

16 DR. SO: Aye.

17 DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye.

18 MS. KALLOR: Just say your name first and
19 then aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

21 DR. SO: So, aye.

22 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

23 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimately. Next
24 motion.

25 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to table

1 the decision on Wayne Campbell.

2 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

3 DR. SO: Second. So, second.

4 MS. KALLOR: (Inaudible) All in favor?

5 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

6 DR. SO: So, aye.

7 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

9 MS. KALLOR: Next motion.

10 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
11 approve continued entitlement for William Castelot.

12 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

13 DR. SO: So, second.

14 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

15 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

16 DR. SO: So, aye.

17 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

18 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes. Next motion.

19 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
20 approve continued entitlement for Anthony Fama.

21 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

22 DR. SO: So, second.

23 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

24 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

25 DR. SO: So, aye.

1 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

2 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously. Next
3 motion.

4 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
5 approve continued entitlement for Barbara Gallo.

6 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

7 DR. SO: So, second.

8 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

9 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

10 DR. SO: So, aye.

11 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

12 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously. Next
13 motion.

14 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
15 approve continued entitlement for Tahira Gordon.

16 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

17 DR. SO: So, second.

18 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

19 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

20 DR. SO: So, aye.

21 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

22 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously. Next
23 motion.

24 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
25 approve continued entitlement for Sherry Hawk.

1 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

2 DR. SO: So, second.

3 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

4 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

5 DR. SO: So, aye.

6 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

7 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously. Next
8 motion.

9 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
10 approve continued entitlement for Sherwyn Haynes.

11 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

12 DR. SO: So, second.

13 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

14 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

15 DR. SO: So, aye.

16 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

17 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously. Next
18 motion.

19 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
20 approve continued entitlement for Dean Masse.

21 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

22 DR. SO: So, second.

23 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

24 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

25 DR. SO: So, aye.

1 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

2 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously. Next
3 motion.

4 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to deny
5 continued entitlement to Justin Pizzonia.

6 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

7 DR. SO: So, second.

8 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

9 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

10 DR. SO: So, aye.

11 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

12 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously. Next
13 motion.

14 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
15 approve continued entitlement to Keith White.

16 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

17 DR. SO: So, second.

18 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

19 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

20 DR. SO: So, aye.

21 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

22 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously. Next
23 motion.

24 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
25 approve continued entitlement pursuant to the

1 Memorandum of Understanding for the following
2 applicants: Kenya Martin-Adams (sic); Steve Bielinski,
3 III; Gene Boutot; Colin Byrnes; Olive Gilling; Amanda
4 Leroux; Sandra Lucier; Edward Mambruno; Marc Morgan;
5 Beverly Nealy; Christopher Panasci; Thomas Rice; Chris
6 Rocanello; Anthony Rodriguez-Jimenez; Richard Stern;
7 Donald Taylor; Jay Valentin; and Robin Vallerand.

8 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

9 DR. SO: So, second.

10 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

11 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

12 DR. SO: So, aye.

13 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

14 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

15 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: I make a motion to
16 adjourn the meeting. This is Parekh.

17 MS. KALLOR: Is there a second?

18 DR. SO: So, second. So, second.

19 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

20 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

21 DR. SO: So, aye.

22 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

23 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously. The
24 motion is - adjourned. Sorry. So the meeting is
25 adjourned.

(Adjourned at 10:43 a.m.)

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