

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, December 20, 2024

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, December 20, 2024, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Sachin Parekh, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Nabil Waheed, 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 the meeting to order at 9:03 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 9:04 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. A brief break was taken.

1. Attorney Russell Zimberlin and Samuel Gianpoalo appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:41 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 10:43 am.
2. Attorney Justin Raymond and Kaishawda Holley appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:44 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 10:49 am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. So at 10:51 am.

ALVAREZ, MARIO # 067572 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Mario Alvarez's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BISSETTE, ETHELINE # 083485 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Etheline Bisette's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BYSTREK, DENISE # 478453 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Denise Bystrek's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COOMBS, JACQUELINE # 090059 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Jacqueline Coomb's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEARY, JASON #621326 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Jason Deary's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GELINAS, STEPHEN # 068087 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Stephen Gelinas' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GIANPOALO, SAMUEL # 159448 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Samuel Gianpoalo's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GINISE, FRANK #109123 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Frank Ginise's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HOLLEY, KAISHAWDA # 480456 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Kaishawda Holley's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

IBARRONDO, SONIA # 592688 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Sonia Ibarrodo's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHNSON, ALLYSAN # 647055 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Allysan Johnson's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KACZOROWSKI, KRISTINA # 034571 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to discontinue Kristina Kaczorowski's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEE, CALDWELL # 447410 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Caldwell Lee's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MIDDLETON, STEPHANIE # 158689 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Stephanie Middleton's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MIHALIAK, WILLIAM # 023268 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue William Mihaliak's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

REVERE, CHARLES # 126348 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Charles Revere's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RODRIGUEZ, DAVID # 468012 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue David Rodriguez's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VAILLANT, LUCIEN # 596796 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Lucien Vaillant's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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

ARBELO JR., LOUIS #004399 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Louis Arbelo's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BONGIOVANNI, GIUSEPPE # 054426 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Giuseppe Bongiovanni's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BOWENS, TERRY # 613215 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Terry Bowen's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHARLES-VICTORIN, ANNETTE # 613358 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Annette Charles-Victorin's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLARKE, DENNIS # 037203 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Dennis Clarke's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLON, LURMAN # 055436 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Lurman Colon's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DION, JUDY # 038844 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Judy Dion's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GUZMAN-SINKO, WANDA # 462493 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Wanda Guzman-Sinko's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JONES, THOMAS # 405223 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Thomas Jones' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KEITH-WEST, TONYA # 526137 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Tonya Keith-West's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARTIN, SUSAN # 120892 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Susan Martin's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MATOS, HENRI # 034776 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Henri Matos' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NIEVES, MARIBEL # 020925 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Maribel Nieves' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SAWKA, MICHAEL # 508286 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So, to continue Michael Sawka's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. So to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 am. Motion approved unanimously.