

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, November 3, 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:

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

ABSENT:

Manny Katsetos, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.	Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.	Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division
Robin Kallor, General Counsel to the Commission Rose Kallor, LLP.
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 9:09 am.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Parekh at 9:11 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. Parekh, at 9:12 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. Robin Kallor left the meeting at 9:57 am. Cindy Cieslak entered the meeting at 9:57 am. There was a brief break at 10:57 am until 11:05 am.

1. James Conley and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:07 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:12 am.
2. Brison Downing and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:15 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:19 am.

3. Juliane Winiarski and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:20 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:26 am.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Parekh at 11:26 am.

KRISTEN BERNIER 478157 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Kristen Bernier's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALESHIA CAPLE 041598 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to deny Aleshia Caple's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CYNTHIA CASSADA 507798 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to table Cynthia Cassada's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHARI CHAN 528527 SERVICE-CONNECTED *
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Shari Chan's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EFRAIN COLON 101490 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Efrain Colon's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES CONLEY 069846 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve James Conley's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LLEIDY DELEON 001047 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to deny Lleidy Deleon's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, but would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBRA DORSO 653831 SERVICE-CONNECTED *
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Debra Dorso's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRISON DOWNING 038440 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Brison Downing's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JENNIFER DOYLE 047147 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to deny Jennifer Doyle's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JONATHAN ENCARNACION 653426 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Jonathan Encarnacion's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NICOLE LAVIE 095801 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to deny Nicole LaVie's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHOWN LOWE 564618 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Shown Lowe's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KEITH LUKASIEWSKI 104616 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to table Keith Lukasiewski's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NICOLE McCANN 467126 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Nicole McCann's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CORINNE MESITE 528126 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Corinne Mesite's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHELLEY MOSIG 027001 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Shelley Mosig's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MELODY PRIBESH 220298 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Melody Pribesh's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALICIA PRONOVOOST 644622 SERVICE-CONNECTED*
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to table Alicia Pronovost's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TYRONE SHAVER 104783 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to approve Tyrone Shaver's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JULIANE WINIARSKI 715232 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Juliane Winiarski's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 am. Motion approved unanimously.