

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on October 20, 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:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.

ABSENT:

Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.	Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Poleak So, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.	Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.	Eric T. Shore, M.D.
	Manny Katsetos, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division
William Cassada, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services 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 9:02 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 9:03 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 10:45 am until 10:50 am.

1. William Mihaliak and Attorney David Kritzman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:52 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:10 am.

DAVID PARADIS 109612 SERVICE-CONNECTED*
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny David Paradis' entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement, but approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALEXANDER PEREZ 423451 SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Alexander Perez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ORRETTE SALMON 039909 SERVICE-CONNECTED*
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Orrette Salmon's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTER SCHERER 036329 SERVICE-CONNECTED*
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Krister Scherer's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT SPINA 494894 SERVICE-CONNECTED*
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Robert Spina's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SARA VAZQUEZ-GUERRA 564058 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Sara Vazquez-Guerra's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 am. Motion approved unanimously.