

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

APRIL 14, 2023 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:06 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Lynn Rudich
Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
Dr. Eric Shore
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:06 a.m.)

2
3
4
5 MS. CIESLAK: All right, Dr. Rudich, you can
6 proceed when you're ready.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Okay. The April 14th,
8 2023 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
9 session. I'm Dr. Lynn Rudich, Chairperson. Present
10 with us is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg and Dr. Eric Shore. And
11 present from the Office of State Comptroller,
12 Retirement Services Division are staff members Robert
13 Helfand, William Cassada, and Helena Bartolomeo.
14 General Counsel for the Retirement Commission is Cindy
15 Cieslak.

16 We have no amendments; correct? No
17 amendments. I am going to make a motion to go into
18 executive session. I request that members of the
19 Retirement Services Division and counsel be allowed to
20 remain. Is there a second?

21 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

22 DR. SHORE: Shore, second.

23 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
24 favor, say aye. Aye.

25 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

1 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: All opposed, say nay.

3 The motion passes. We are going to ask the members to
4 leave right now during our executive session, but there
5 will be opportunity individually for members to be
6 called in during our session one at a time.

7 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. Thank
8 you, Dr. Rudich. So I'm going to place everyone back
9 into the waiting room as the doctors discuss the
10 confidential medical information of the applicants. If
11 you are on reconsideration, you'll be called in to make
12 your statement. Otherwise, anyone who is present when
13 the doctors enter public session will be invited back
14 in to hear the decision on all of the applications
15 today.

16 It might be, you know, a two- to three-hour
17 meeting, so just be patient. Thank you.

18 (The board was in executive session from 9:07
19 a.m. until 11:57 a.m.)

20 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Rudich, you can proceed
21 when you're ready.

22 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Okay. The board will be
23 making determinations and voting on those
24 determinations, but we'd like to remind members that
25 only the final vote will be given today and not the

1 reasons for the vote. In some instances, there may not
2 have been enough medical information to make a
3 determination or perhaps a non-service-connected
4 disability is more likely a service-connected
5 disability but was not applied for.

6 You may seek reconsideration of an initial
7 denial. You will receive the board's written
8 determination within two to four weeks, which will
9 provide you with that additional information.

10 I make a motion to approve the service-
11 connected disability retirement of Robert Brockett.

12 DR. SHORE: Shore, second.

13 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, agree.

14 MS. CIESLAK: So I'm going to ask, any
15 further discussion? There being none, all in favor,
16 say aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

18 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

19 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
21 motion passes.

22 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to
23 approve the service-connected disability retirement of
24 Carl Dickey.

25 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Rosenberg. I second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
2 being none, all in favor, say aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

4 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

5 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

6 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
7 motion passes.

8 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to
9 approve the non-service-connected disability retirement
10 of Larry Drawec.

11 DR. SHORE: Shore, agree - second.

12 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

13 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
14 being none, all in favor, say aye.

15 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, Aye.

17 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
19 motion passes.

20 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
21 the service-connected disability retirement of Barbara
22 Fritz.

23 DR. SHORE: Shore, second.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
25 being none, all in favor, say aye.

1 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

3 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
6 motion passes.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
8 the service-connected disability retirement of Rose
9 Geneste.

10 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Rosenberg. Second.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
12 being none, all in favor, say aye.

13 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

15 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
17 motion passes.

18 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
19 the service-connected disability retirement of Ricardo
20 Harris. Second?

21 DR. SHORE: Second, Shore.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
23 being none, all in favor, say aye.

24 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

25 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

2 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
3 motion passes.

4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to
5 approve the service-connected disability retirement of
6 Allysan Johnson. Is there a second?

7 DR. SHORE: Shore, second.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
9 being none, all in favor, say aye.

10 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

12 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
15 motion passes.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
17 the service-connected disability retirement of Kevin
18 Klett.

19 DR. ROSENBERG: This is Rosenberg. Second.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
21 being none, all in favor, say aye.

22 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye.

24 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The

1 motion passes.

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to
3 approve the service-connected disability retirement of
4 Joseph Lapierre. Second?

5 DR. SHORE: Second, Shore.

6 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
7 being none, all in favor, say aye.

8 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye. Rudich, aye.

10 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
12 motion passes.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
14 the non-service-connected disability retirement of
15 Gloribel Marin-Luna. Second?

16 DR. SHORE: Second, Shore.

17 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
18 being none, all in favor, say aye.

19 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

20 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
23 motion passes.

24 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
25 the service-connected disability retirement of Brian

1 Mercier. Is there a second?

2 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
4 being none, all in favor, say aye.

5 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

6 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye. Rudich, aye.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
9 motion passes.

10 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
11 the non-service-connected disability retirement of
12 Darlene Moskey. Is there a second?

13 DR. SHORE: Shore, second.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
15 being none, all in favor, say aye.

16 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye. Aye.

18 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
20 motion passes.

21 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
22 the service-connected disability retirement of Adrienne
23 Reid, but the board would look favorably on non-
24 service-connected application. Is there a second?

25 DR. SHORE: Shore, second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
2 being none, all in favor, say aye.

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

4 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

6 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
7 motion passes.

8 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
9 the application for service-connected disability
10 retirement of Melvin Riddick. Is there a second?

11 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
13 being none, all in favor, say aye.

14 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

15 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

17 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
18 motion passes.

19 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to table
20 the application for service-connected disability
21 retirement of Nathan Robinson.

22 DR. SHORE: Shore, second.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
24 being none, all in favor, say aye.

25 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

1 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
4 motion passes.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
6 the service-connected disability retirement of Jane
7 Scatena, but the board approve non-service-connected
8 disability retirement. Is there a second?

9 DR. SHORE: Shore, second.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
11 being none, all in favor, say aye.

12 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

13 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
16 motion passes.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
18 the application for non-service-connected disability
19 retirement of Aaron Spring.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

21 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
22 being none, all in favor, say aye.

23 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

24 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say - I'm going to
2 call it again because I think I messed it up. All in
3 favor, say aye.

4 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye, Rudich.

6 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

7 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. All
8 right, the motion passes. My apologies.

9 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
10 the service-connected disability retirement of Barbara
11 Stasiowska.

12 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

13 MS. CIESLAK: All in favor, say aye.

14 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.

15 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

17 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
18 motion passes.

19 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to
20 adjourn this meeting.

21 DR. SHORE: Second.

22 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Shore seconded the motion.
23 All in favor, say aye.

24 DR. SHORE: Aye, aye, aye.

25 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Aye, Rudich.

2 MS. CIESLAK: All right, we are adjourned.

3 Thank you all very much.

4 DR. SHORE: Okay, guys, thank you.

5 DR. ROSENBERG: Thank you.

6 (Adjourned at 12:06 p.m.)

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

I, Karin A. Empson, do hereby
certify that the preceding pages are an accurate
transcription of the Connecticut State Employees
Retirement Commission Medical Examining Board meeting
held electronically via Zoom, conducted at 8:34 a.m. on
April 14, 2023.

Karin A. Empson

Karin A. Empson

05/15/2023

Date