

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

MAY 17, 2024 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:06 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Lynn Rudich
Dr. Sachin Parekh
Dr. Sheldon Nova
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
Nabil Waheed, Retirement Services Division
Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

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

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5 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh, you can proceed
6 when you're ready.

7 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Thank you. The May 17th,
8 2024 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
9 session. Present are myself, Dr. Sachin Parekh,
10 serving as Chairperson; Dr. Sheldon Nova; Dr. Lynn
11 Rudich. Present from the Office of the State
12 Comptroller, Retirement Services Division, are staff
13 members Robert Helfand, William Cassada, Helena
14 Bartolomeo, and Nabil Waheed. General Counsel to the
15 Retirement Commission and Medical Examining Board is Cindy
16 Cieslak.

17 I make a motion to go into executive session and
18 request that the members of the Retirement Services Division
19 and General Counsel be allowed to remain.

20 DR. RUDICH: Second the motion.

21 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Is there a second?

22 DR. RUDICH: Yes. Rudich, second.

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

25 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

1 DR. RUDICH: Aye, Rudich.

2 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

3 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye, Parekh.

4 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. The motion passes.

5 We are going to go into executive because the
6 doctors will be discussing confidential medical
7 information. I'm going to place everyone in the
8 waiting room. Those who are on reconsideration will be
9 invited in to make their statement. And then when we
10 reenter public session, you'll be able to hear the
11 decision today.

12 (The Board was in executive session from 9:07
13 a.m. until 11:40 a.m.)

14 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh, you can proceed
15 when you're ready.

16 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board has made its
17 determinations, but would like to remind members that
18 only the final vote will be given today and not the
19 reasons for the vote. In some instances, you may not
20 have had enough medical information to make a favorable
21 determination. You may seek reconsideration of a
22 denial. You will receive the Board's determination
23 within two to four weeks, which will provide you with
24 additional information.

25 The Board votes to approve continued

1 entitlement for Christopher Atkins.

2 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, second.

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

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aye.

6 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

8 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

9 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

10 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to deny
11 continued entitlement for Wayne Campbell.

12 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

15 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

17 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

18 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

19 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to deny
20 continued entitlement for Mark Clinton.

21 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

24 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

25 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

1 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

2 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

3 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to approve
4 continued entitlement for Charlene Darby.

5 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

8 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

10 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

11 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

12 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to approve
13 continued entitlement for William Hernandez.

14 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

17 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

19 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

20 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

21 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to table the
22 decision for continued entitlement for Caldwell Lee.

23 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

1 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

2 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

4 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

5 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to table the
6 decision for continued entitlement for Stephanie Middleton.

7 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

10 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

11 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

13 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

14 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to table the
15 decision for continued entitlement for William Mihaliak.

16 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

19 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

20 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

22 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

23 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to deny
24 continued entitlement for Ana Mina.

25 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

3 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

4 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

6 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

7 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to deny
8 continued entitlement for Anibal Quinones.

9 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

12 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

13 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

15 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

16 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to deny
17 continued entitlement for David Rodriguez.

18 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

21 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

22 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

24 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

25 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to approve

1 continued entitlement for Cheryl Taylor.

2 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

5 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

6 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

8 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

9 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The Board votes to continue
10 entitlement pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding of
11 August 6th, 2015 for the following individuals: Carmen Arroyo,
12 John Banas, John Blanchard, John Dyson, Jessica Elliot, Cedric
13 Lindsey, Michael Otero, John McDonald, Natalie Smith-Crocket,
14 Marcie Tremaglio, and Anthony Vendrella.

15 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

18 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

19 DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

21 MS. CIESLAK: The motion passes unanimously.

22 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: I make a motion to adjourn
23 the meeting.

24 DR. RUDICH: Rudich seconds the motion.

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

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DR. NOVA: Aye.

DR. RUDICH: Rudich, aye.

CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

MS. CIESLAK: We are adjourned. Thank you.

DR. NOVA: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Thank—

(Adjourned at 11:47 a.m.)

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I, Karin A. Empson, do hereby
certify that the preceding pages are an accurate
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Retirement Commission, Medical Examining Board meeting
held electronically via Zoom, conducted at 9:03 a.m. on
May 17, 2024.

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06/03/2024

Date