

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:03 a.m.

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Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, Chairperson  
Dr. Frank Gerratana  
Dr. Mike Gerstenfeld  
Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division  
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division  
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division  
Robin Kallor, Rose Kallor, LLC

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:03 a.m.)

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5 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph -  
6 I'm getting feedback for some reason. Okay. This is  
7 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg.

8 Does everybody else have like the feedback  
9 I'm getting or not really?

10 DR. GERSTENFELD: Yeah, just for a second,  
11 but just a very little bit of it.

12 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Yeah, okay. All  
13 right. Now it seems to be gone. That's weird. Okay.

14 This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg and today is the  
15 September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 meeting of the Medical Examination  
16 Board and it is now in session. Present is Dr. Michael  
17 Gerstenfeld, Dr. Frank Gerratana, and myself, Dr. Ralph  
18 Rosenberg. Present from the State Comptrollers  
19 Retirement Services Division are staff members Robert  
20 Helfand, William Cassada, and Helena Bartolomeo.  
21 Present for the General Counsel to the Retirement  
22 Commission and Medical Examination Board is Robin  
23 Kallor.

24 This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg and I make a  
25 motion that we go into executive session. Is there a

1 second? Dr. Gerratana, you are muted. Still muted.

2 DR. GERRATANA: Yeah. Gerratana, second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
4 Rosenberg. All those in favor of going into executive  
5 session, say aye.

6 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

7 DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye. And  
9 the motion is passed. And I requested, as we go into  
10 executive session, that members from the Retirement  
11 Services Board, Robert Helfand, William Cassada, Helena  
12 Bartolomeo, and from the General Counsel, Retirement  
13 Commission, Medical Examination Board, Robin Kallor,  
14 all continue to stay and be part of the executive  
15 session. Is there a second?

16 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

17 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: All those in favor,  
18 say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

19 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: And the motion  
21 passes.

22 MR. HELFAND: I'm sorry. This is Bert  
23 Helfand and I joined a little late. Just want to make  
24 sure that the motion includes an invitation for me to  
25 join you in executive session.

1 MS. KALLOR: Yeah. I think you were  
2 announced as present at the meeting.

3 MR. HELFAND: Okay. Thank you.

4 MS. KALLOR: So we're going to pause the  
5 recording and I'm going to - we'll go into executive  
6 session. So all those not invited will be placed back  
7 into the waiting room. Just bear with me one second.

8 (The board was in executive session from 9:06  
9 a.m. until 10:11 a.m.)

10 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Carlos, you have two  
11 devices open. If you could close one, it's causing  
12 reverberation, please.

13 MS. KALLOR: I see they're muted. Okay.

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

24 This is Dr. Ralph Rosenberg and I make a  
25 motion to approve Koren Catchings' application for

1 continued entitlement.

2 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

3 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

4 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

5 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

6 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

7 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
9 Rosenberg and I make a motion to approve Richard DeRiso  
10 for continued entitlement.

11 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

12 MS. KALLOR: All in favor?

13 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Dr. Gerstenfeld?

16 DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye. (Inaudible)

17 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

18 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
19 Rosenberg and I make a motion to deny Carl Dickey for  
20 continued entitlement.

21 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

22 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

23 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

24 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

25 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

1 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

2 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
3 Rosenberg and I make a motion to approve continued  
4 entitlement for Peter Galimitakis.

5 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion?

6 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

7 MS. KALLOR: Oh, I'm sorry. Any discussion?  
8 All in favor?

9 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

10 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

11 DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye.

12 MS. KALLOR: Okay, yeah. You did say aye?  
13 Dr. Gerstenfeld, I couldn't really hear you.

14 DR. GERSTENFELD: Yes, aye.

15 MS. KALLOR: Okay. Motion passes  
16 unanimously.

17 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
18 Rosenberg and I motion to approve Carlos Gonzalez for  
19 continued entitlement.

20 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

21 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

22 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

23 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

24 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

25 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

1           CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
2 Rosenberg and I make a motion to table the application  
3 for ongoing entitlement for Latefa Harvey.

4           DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

5           MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

6           CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

7           DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

8           DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

9           MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

10          CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
11 Rosenberg and I make a motion to table the application  
12 for Kaishawda Holley for continued entitlement.

13          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

14          MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

15          CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

16          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

17          DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye.

18          MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

19          CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
20 Rosenberg and I make a motion to deny ongoing continued  
21 entitlement for Rophy Homicil.

22          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

23          MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

24          CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

25          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

1 DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye.

2 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

3 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
4 Rosenberg and I make a motion to approve ongoing  
5 continued entitlement for Jeffrey Ranciato.

6 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

7 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

8 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

9 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

10 DR. GERSTENFELD: Gerstenfeld, aye.

11 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

12 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
13 Rosenberg and I make a motion to approve ongoing  
14 continued entitlement for Nancy Stefanski.

15 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

16 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

17 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

19 DR. GERSTENFELD: (Inaudible) aye.

20 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

21 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
22 Rosenberg and I make a motion to approve ongoing  
23 continued entitlement pursuant to the Memorandum of  
24 Understanding of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for Jo-Ann Chatfield,  
25 Flabia Feo, Jonathon Gordon, Marvin Hill, Justin



1 Holbrook, Hector Jimenez, Bernadette Kazibwe, and Ruth  
2 Quale.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

4 MS. KALLOR: Any discussion? All in favor?

5 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

6 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

7 DR. GERSTENFELD: (Inaudible) aye.

8 MS. KALLOR: Motion passes unanimously.

9 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: This is Dr. Ralph  
10 Rosenberg and I make a motion to adjourn today's  
11 meeting of the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 meeting of the  
12 Medical Examination Board. Is there a second?

13 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: All those in favor of  
15 adjourning today's meeting, say aye. Rosenberg, aye.

16 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: Dr. Gerstenfeld, we  
18 couldn't hear you.

19 DR. GERSTENFELD: Aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON ROSENBERG: The motion passes.

21 MS. KALLOR: The meeting is adjourned. Okay,  
22 I will—

23 (Adjourned at 10:21 a.m.)  
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I, Karin A. Empson, do hereby  
certify that the preceding pages are an accurate  
transcription of the Connecticut State Employees  
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September 22, 2023.

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10/06/2023

Date