

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on September 8, 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.  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

ABSENT:

Sheldon Nova, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.	Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Nicolai Lieders, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.	Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.	Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.	Poleak So, 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 9:05 am.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Parekh at 9:06 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 9:06 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 11:11 am until 11:16 am.

1. Michael Otero and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:19 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:25 am.



VILMA MARRERO D- 13588 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to deny Vilma Marrero's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL McCARGO MD- 1641 SERVICE-CONNECTED\*(RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Michael McCargo's entitlement to Service-Connected\* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRENDON MURRAY D- 13599 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to approve Brendon Murray's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL OTERO D- 13364 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to approve Michael Otero's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL PESCE D- 13620 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to approve Michael Pesce's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CRYSTAL PLUMMER D- 13586 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to approve Crystal Plummer's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DIANE ROGERS D- 13595 SERVICE-CONNECTED\*  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to deny Diane Rogers' entitlement to Service Connected\* Retirement, but approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA SUAREZ D- 13597 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to deny Lisa Suarez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SEAN SULLIVAN D- 13583 SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to deny Sean Sullivan's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

IVONNE TORRES D- 13592 NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parkeh, to approve Ivonne Torres' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Parekh to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am. Motion approved unanimously.