

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, March 1, 2024, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

ABSENT:

Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services 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 the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Dr. Rudich motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Lieders 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 taken.

1. Ricardo Harris and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:32 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:37 pm.
2. Kristen Heyward-Miller and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:37 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:41 pm.
3. Attorney Scott McCarthy appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:46 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:51 pm.
4. Sean Sullivan and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:53 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:56 pm.
5. Michael King and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:57 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:02 pm.
6. Yvonne Muniz and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:03 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:13 pm.

Lynn Rudich, M.D. motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Lieders at 1:20 pm.

BELANGER, KATHLEEN #130741 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to table Kathleen Belanger's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLEMENTS, MICHAEL #038601 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Michael Clements's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FACCENTO, AARON #228919 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Aaron Faccento's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FOWLER, LEONARD #803232 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Leonard Fowler's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HARRIS, RICARDO #076383 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Ricardo Harris's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HEYWARD-MILLER, KRISTEN #063113 NON-SERVICE CONN. (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Kristen Heyward-Miller's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KING, MICHAEL #644671 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Michael King's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEVESQUE, CARRIE #512071 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Carrie Levesque's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MILIA, KIM #581956 NON-SERVICE CONN. (CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Kim Milia's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MORRON, GLENN #155366 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Glenn Morron's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MUNIZ, YVONNE #613199 NON-SERVICE CONN. (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Yvonne Muniz's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

OWENS, SCOTT #875038 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Scott Owen's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PAULINO, LUIS #154106 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Luis Paulino's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PERUSSE, RACHELLE #009443 NON-SERVICE CONN. (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Rachele Perusse's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

QUINLAN, THOMAS #604351 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Thomas Quinlan's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RAINEY, BRIGITTA #535104 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Brigitta Rainey's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEFANIAK, DEBORAH #562225 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Deborah Stefaniak's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SULLIVAN, SEAN #124682 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Sean Sullivan's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WOOD, KELLYE #490816 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Kellye Wood's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 pm. Motion approved unanimously.