

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
FRIDAY, April 5, 2024

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, April 5, 2024, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Frank Gerratana, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
Sheldon Nova, M.D.  
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

ABSENT:

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.  
Fielding Johnson, M.D.  
Manny Katsetos, M.D.  
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.  
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.  
Sachin Parekh, M.D.  
Lynn Rudich, M.D.  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.  
Sokpoleak So, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division  
William Cassada, 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 9:03 am.

Dr. Gerratana motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, at 9:04 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. Jessica Elliott and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:06 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:10 pm.
2. Cedric Lindsey and Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:12 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:17 pm.
3. Christopher Powers and Attorney Clayton Quinn appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:18 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:24 pm.
4. Richard Rusiecki and Attorney Russel Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:26 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:34 pm.
5. Earl Schoolfield appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:38 pm. Earl Schoolfield made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 12:44 pm.
6. Magdalena Valentine-Campos appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:45 pm. Magdalena Valentine-Campos made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 1:03 pm.

Dr. Gerratana motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg at 1:09 pm.

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ANDINO, JONATHAN #244560 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to table Jonathan Andino's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

APONTE II, JOSE #124275 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Jose Aponte II's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BLUMBERG, VICKI #169113 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Vicki Blumberg's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARRILLO, ROBERT #490526 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Robert Carrillo's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHAMBERS, REGINA #639407 SERVICE CONNECETED\*  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Regina Chambers entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COHEN, CHRISTOPHER #507866 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Christopher Cohen's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CRISTOFARO, JOHN #429949 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve John Cristofaro's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ELLIOTT, JESSICA #062529 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Jessica Elliott's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HAMER, PATRICE #498847 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Patrice Hamer's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HURT, ELIZABETH #026793 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH)  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Elizabeth Hurt's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HUTCHINGS, RICHARD #037499 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH)  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Richard Hutchings entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KING, MICHAEL #0644671 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Michael King's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEONARD, MARK #044920 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH)  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Mark Leonard's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEVY-REID, SONIA #033102 SERVICE CONNECTED\*  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Sonia Levy-Reid's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LIGUORI, DENISE #381629 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Denise Liguori's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LINDSEY, CEDRIC #011559 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)  
Dr. Gerratana, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Cedric Lindsey's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LOESER, LISA #505021 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Lisa Loeser's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PETERSON, KIM #031252 SERVICE CONNECTED\*  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Kim Peterson's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

POWERS, CHRISTOPHER #232060 SERVICE CONNECTED\* (RECON)  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Christopher Powers entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

REID, SYLVIA #142657 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Sylvia Reid's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RIVERA, EDDIE #425247 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Eddie Rivera's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RUSIECKI, RICHARD #490540 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)  
Dr. Gerratana, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Richard Rusiecki's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SCHOOLFIELD, EARL #201268 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)  
Dr. Gerratana, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Earl Schoolfield's entitlement to service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VALENTINE-CAMPOS, MAGDALENA #641819 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Magdalena Valentine-Campos entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WHITE, CARLTON #001851 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Carlton White's entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg to adjourn the meeting at 1:21 pm. Motion approved unanimously.