

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, December 6, 2024

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, December 6, 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
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.,
Sachin Parekh, M.D.,
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Nabil Waheed, 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. Rudich motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Nova, at 9:04 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Laural Chase appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:58 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:12 am.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Timothy Johnson appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:18 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:26 am.
3. Ricardo Marrero and Vilma Marrero appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:28 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:37 am.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Nova at 11:41 am.

ARASIMOWICZ, KATHERINE # 500193 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Katherine Arasimowicz's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BAERGA, BRENDA # 526082 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Brenda Baerga's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CAMPOCHIARO, ROBIE # 614485 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Robie Campochiaro's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHASE, LAURAL # 613647 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Laural Chase's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHENEY, KERI # 160872 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Keri Cheney's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CUADRADO, ROSA # 863423 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Rosa Cuadrado's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CUNNINGHAM, RICHARD # 069536 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Richard Cunningham's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EPPS, AMY # 510681 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Amy Epps' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HARRISON, JASON # 053613 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Jason Harrison's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHNSON, TIMOTHY # 056319 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Timothy Johnson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LORIS, DANIEL # 229100 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Daniel Loris' entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARRERO, VILMA # 044425 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Vilma Marrero's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MAS, LISA # 592108 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Lisa Mas' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

O'CONNOR, HEIDI # 101115 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Heidi O'Connor's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PRONOVOST, ALICIA # 644622 SERVICE CONNECTED* (CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Alicia Pronovost's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEVENSON, DEAN # 245231 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Dean Stevenson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SULLIVAN, HAYDEE # 141887 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Haydee Sullivan's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FRITZ, BARBARA # 811954 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Barbara Fritz's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUKASIEWSKI, KEITH # 104616 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Keith Lukasiewski's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 am. Motion approved unanimously.