MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, December 1, 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: Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON Sheldon Nova, M.D. Eric T. Shore, M.D.

ABSENT:	
Manny Katsetos, M.D.	
Sachin Parekh, M.D.	Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.	Richard Blum, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.	Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.	Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.	Vasanth Kainkaryam, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement 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 9:15 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Nova, at 9:16 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 11:12 am until 11:16 am.

- 1. Richard Moore and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:21 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:30 am.
- 2. Denise Bystrek appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:31 am. She made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 11:38 am.
- 3. Helen Wilson and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:41 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:49 am.

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Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Nova at 11:51 am.	
CHRISTOPHER ATKINS 395385 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Christopher Atkins' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.	
CARL BAKER 092780 SERVICE-CONNECTED* Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Carl Baker's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.	
SUSAN BARNETT 654169 SERVICE-CONNECTED* Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Susan Barnett's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.	
MERARIS BELTRAN586171NON-SERVICE CONNECTEDDr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Meraris Beltran's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.Motion approved unanimously.	
DENISE BYSTREK 478453 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION) Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Denise Bystrek's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.	
LORNA CHIN-QUE037753NON-SERVICE CONNECTEDDr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Lorna Chin-Que's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.Motion approved unanimously.	
LLEIDY DELEON001047CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTEDDr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Lleidy Deleon's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.Motion approved unanimously.	
THOMAS DENIHAN559412NON-SERVICE CONNECTEDDr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve ThomasDenihan's entitlement to Non-Service ConnectedRetirement. Motion approved unanimously.	
TONYA DILLON432523NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny Tonya Dillon entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.	
JOSE FUENTES008831CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTEDDr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Jose Fuentes' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.Motion approved unanimously.	
DAHLIA GORDON592437NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Dahlia Gordon's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement.Motion approved unanimously.	

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JANICE HARRISON 507484 SERVICE-CONNECTED * (CONT'D) Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Janice Harrison's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously. **RICHARD MOORE** 033824 **SERVICE-CONNECTED** (RECONSIDERATION) Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Richard Moore's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously. **ROCCO PAGLIARULO** 652790 SERVICE-CONNECTED * (RECONSIDERATION) Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Rocco Pagliarulo's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously. JEFFREY SCOTT 625998 SERVICE-CONNECTED* Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Jeffrey Scott's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously. CYNTHIA ST. PAUL 021794 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Cynthia St. Paul's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously. **CARLON TAYLOR** 977744 SERVICE-CONNECTED* Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Carlon Taylor's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement. Motion approved unanimously. **HELEN WILSON** 639398 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION) Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Helen Wilson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously. **TAMMIE YOUNG** 527252 SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D) Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Tammie Young's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously. **ELIZABETH ZUJKO**

ELIZABETH ZUJKO477682SERVICE-CONNECTED*Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Elizabeth Zujko's entitlement to Service-Connected* Retirement.Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm. Motion approved unanimously.