

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2023 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:04 a.m.

Present (via Zoom):

Dr. Sachin Parekh
Dr. Frank Gerratana
Dr. Poleak So
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Retirement Services Division
Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor LLP

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:04 a.m.)

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5 MS. CIESLAK: All right, Dr. Parekh, you can
6 begin when you're ready.

7 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Okay. The December 15th,
8 2023 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
9 session. Present are myself, Dr. Sachin Parekh,
10 serving as Chairman; Dr. Frank Gerratana; and Dr. So,
11 Poleak So. Present from the Office of the State
12 Comptroller, Retirement Services Division, are staff
13 members Robert Helfand, William Cassada, and Helena
14 Bartolomeo, along with General Counsel Cindy Cieslak.

15 I make a motion to go into executive session,
16 however I request that members of the Retirement
17 Services Division be allowed to remain. Is there a
18 second?

19 DR. GERRATANA: Second, Gerratana.

20 MS. CIESLAK: For discussion purposes, Dr.
21 Parekh, does your motion also include an invitation to
22 counsel to be invited into executive session?

23 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Yes, the Retirement
24 Services Division as well as general counsel.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. All right. All in

1 favor, say aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

4 DR. SO: Aye.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
6 motion passes.

7 (The board was in executive session from 9:04
8 a.m. until 12:07 p.m.)

9 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Parekh, you can proceed
10 when you're ready.

11 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board has made its
12 determinations, but would like to remind members that
13 only the final vote will be given today and not the
14 reasons for the vote. In some instances, there may not
15 have been enough medical information to make a
16 favorable determination. You may seek reconsideration
17 of a denial. You will receive the board's
18 determination within two to four weeks, which will
19 provide you with the additional information.

20 The board votes to deny continued entitlement
21 to Wayne Campbell.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? There being
24 none, all in favor, say aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

1 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

2 DR. SO: So, aye.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
4 motion passes.

5 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to deny
6 continued entitlement to Lisa Carter.

7 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
9 being none, all in favor, say aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Parekh, aye.

11 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

12 DR. SO: Aye.

13 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
14 motion passes.

15 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
16 approve continued entitlement for Tora Chamblee.

17 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
19 being none, all in favor, say aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

21 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

22 DR. SO: Aye.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
24 motion passes.

25 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to

1 approve continued entitlement for David Chupcavich.

2 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
4 being none, all in favor, say aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

6 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

7 DR. SO: Aye.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
9 motion passes.

10 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to table
11 the decision to continued entitlement for Mark Clinton.

12 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

13 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
14 being none, all in favor, say aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

16 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

17 DR. SO: Aye.

18 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
19 motion passes.

20 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
21 approve continued entitlement for Deborah Craig.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
24 being none, all in favor, say aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

1 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

2 DR. SO: Aye.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
4 motion passes.

5 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
6 approve continued entitlement for Stephanie Davis-
7 Alston.

8 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

9 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
10 being none, all in favor, say aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

12 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

13 DR. SO: Aye.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
15 motion passes.

16 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
17 approve continued entitlement for Mark Donnelly.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
20 being none, all in favor, say aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

23 DR. SO: Aye.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
25 motion passes.

1 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to table
2 the decision for continued entitlement for William
3 Hernandez.

4 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
6 being none, all in favor, say aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

8 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

9 DR. SO: Aye.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
11 motion passes.

12 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
13 approve continued entitlement for Tait Lawler.

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
16 being none, all in favor, say aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

19 DR. SO: Aye.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
21 motion passes.

22 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to deny
23 continued entitlement for Wilfredo Lopez.

24 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There

1 being none, all in favor, say aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

4 DR. SO: Aye.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
6 motion passes.

7 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to table
8 the decision for continued entitlement for Ana Mina.

9 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
11 being none, all in favor, say aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

13 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

14 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
15 motion passes.

16 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to table
17 the decision to continued entitlement for David
18 Rodriguez.

19 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

20 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
21 being none, all in favor, say aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

23 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

24 DR. SO: Aye.

25 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The

1 motion passes.

2 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to deny
3 continued entitlement for Hope Searles.

4 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
6 being none, all in favor, say aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

8 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

9 DR. SO: Aye.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
11 motion passes.

12 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to table
13 the decision for continued entitlement for Cheryl
14 Taylor.

15 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There
17 being none, all in favor, say aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

19 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

20 DR. SO: Aye.

21 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
22 motion passes.

23 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: The board votes to
24 approve continued entitlement pursuant to the
25 Memorandum of Understanding of August 6th, 2015 for the

1 following applicants: Theresa Baskin, Angella Bently,
2 Robin Boyd, Mark Brown, Gail Byars, Francis Conley,
3 Natividad Cotto, Randy Downing, Anthony Fago, Jonathon
4 Garow, Latefa Harvey, Joseph Lapierre, Ean Lim,
5 Francine Magnano, Terry Marshall, Marco Minnocci, Carla
6 Montique, Cindy Noel, Scott Petras, Samual Rosario,
7 Michele Salonia, Matthew Savitsky, Jane Scatena,
8 Richard Scheller, Albert Scott, Vitina Sidote, Ivonne
9 Torres, Javier Valez, and Michael Vogt.

10 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

11 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? There being
12 none, all in favor, say aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

14 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

15 DR. SO: Aye.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any opposed, say nay. The
17 motion passes.

18 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: I motion to adjourn the
19 meeting.

20 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

21 MS. CIESLAK: All in favor, say aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON PAREKH: Aye.

23 DR. GERRATANA: Aye.

24 DR. SO: Aye.

25 MS. CIESLAK: It passed unanimously. We are

1 adjourned. Thank you very much.

2 (Adjourned at 12:15 p.m.)

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certify that the preceding pages are an accurate
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12/29/2023

Date