

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
FRIDAY, October 4, 2024

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, October 4, 2024, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Sachin Parekh, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, 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 9:05 am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, at 9:06 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. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Annette Charles-Victorin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:44 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 10:48 am.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Dennis Clarke appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:49 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 10:54 am.
3. Michael Viera appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:55 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:02 am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld at 11:08 am.

ALICEA, VICTOR # 653443 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Victor Alicea's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ARDIZZONE, MICHAEL # 157634 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Michael Ardizzone's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARRINGTON-MOODY, DELORES # 504327 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to deny Delores Carrington-Moody's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHARLES-VICTORIN, ANNETTE # 613358 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Annette Charles-Victorin's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLARKE, COY # 654237 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to deny Coy Clarke's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLARKE, DENNIS # 037203 SERVICE CONNECTED* (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Dennis Clarke's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CYR SPARKS, CHERYL # 356990 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Cheryl Cyr Sparks' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JENKINS, SHEILA # 511685 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Sheila Jenkins' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JONES, CRYSTAL # 038029 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to table Crystal Jones' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUKASIEWSKI, KEITH # 104616 SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to deny Keith Lukasiewski's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARSHALL, VICKEY # 612252 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to deny Vickey Marshall's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MCCLAIN, ICEYPHEEN # 418387 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Iceypheen McClain's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NOWAK, KATHRYN # 098293 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Kathryn Nowak's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PHOENIX, CYNTHIA # 643521 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to deny Cynthia Phoenix's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RODRIGUEZ-MARCANO, LILLIAN # 651009 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Lillian Rodriguez-Marciano's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SAWYER, ERIC # 437024 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Eric Sawyer's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TAYLOR, ERIC # 396803 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to table Eric Taylor's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VASQUEZ, ANTHONY # 486026 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Anthony Vasquez's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VIERA, MICHAEL # 148428 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to table Michael Viera's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 am. Motion approved unanimously.