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STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2024

HELD VIA ZOOM

CONVENED AT 9:12 A.M.

Board Members Present (Via Zoom):

Lynn Rudich, M.D.

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

Sheldon Nova, M.D.

Retirement Services Division:

Robert Helfand

Helena Bartolomeo

Nabil Waheed

General Counsel:

Melinda Powell, Rose Kallor LLP

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:12)

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Okay. The August 9, 2024
3 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
4 session. I am Dr. Lynn Rudich, chairperson. We have
5 Dr. Ralph Rosenberg and Dr. Sheldon Nova with us.
6 Present from the Office of the State Comptroller are
7 staff members Robert Helfand, Helena Bartolomeo and
8 Nabil Waheed. We also have counsel for Retirement
9 Commission and Medical Examining Board, Melinda Powell.
10 I make a motion to go into executive session, but I
11 request that members of the Return of Services Division
12 and counsel be allowed to remain. Is there a second?

13 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, second.

14 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
15 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

16 DR. NOVA: Dr. Nova, aye.

17 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. We will
19 now go into executive session.

20 (The Board was in executive session from 9:13
21 a.m. until 12:22 p.m.)

22 MS. POWELL: Okay. Look good?

23 MS. BARTOLOMEO: No, Kathy needs to be
24 removed.

25 MS. POWELL: Thank you.

1 MS. BARTOLOMEO: And you could now shut the
2 recording off.

3 MS. POWELL: Thank you. All right. Everybody
4 is back. Okay, Dr. Rudich.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Okay. I make a motion to
6 go out of executive session, is there a second?

7 DR. NOVA: Second, Dr. Nova.

8 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
9 favor, say aye. Aye, Dr. Rudich.

10 DR. NOVA: Aye, Dr. Nova.

11 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. We're out
13 of executive session now. The board will now be making
14 determinations and voting on those determinations, but
15 would like to remind the members that only the final
16 vote will be given today and not the reasons for the
17 vote. In some instances there may not have been enough
18 medical information to make a determination, but perhaps
19 the non service connected disability is more likely than
20 a service connected disability. You may seek
21 reconsideration of an initial denial. You'll receive
22 the board's written determination within 2 to 4 weeks
23 which will provide additional information.

24 I make a motion to deny service and non
25 service connected disability of Cathleen Adamczyk, do I

1 hear a second?

2 DR. NOVA: Second, Dr. Nova.

3 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
4 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

5 DR. NOVA: Aye.

6 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
8 motion to deny service and non service connected
9 disability of Gail Alston.

10 DR. NOVA: Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
12 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

13 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

14 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
16 motion to deny the service connected disability
17 retirement and reconsideration of Willie Barnes. Is
18 there a second?

19 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

20 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
21 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

22 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

23 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes.

25 DR. ROSENBERG: I, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, make a

1 motion to approve service connected disability for John
2 Barrett. Is there a second?

3 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

4 DR. ROSENBERG: I, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg
5 motion to approve --

6 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Is there any discussion?

7 DR. ROSENBERG: I'm sorry.

8 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Is there any
9 discussion about the motion Dr. Rosenberg made?

10 DR. NOVA: Nova, no.

11 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: All in favor, say aye.

12 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion to approve.

14 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

15 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: All opposed, say nay.

17 Rudich says nay. Motion passes. So I will reiterate
18 that the board approved the service connected disability
19 retirement of John Barrett with two votes in favor and
20 one opposed.

21 I make a motion to approve the service
22 connected disability retirement of Keirre Camardo.

23 Second?

24 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

25 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in

1 favor say aye. Rudich, aye.

2 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
5 motion to table the application for non service
6 connected disability retirement of Wanda Collins. Is
7 there a second?

8 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

9 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
10 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

11 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

12 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
14 motion to approve the service connected disability
15 retirement of Eduardo Diaz.

16 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
18 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

19 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
22 motion to table the application for service connected or
23 non service connected disability retirement of Kimberly
24 Diaz.

25 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
2 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

3 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

4 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
6 motion to approve the service connected disability
7 retirement of Edward Fiore.

8 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

9 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
10 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

11 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

12 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
14 motion to deny the non service connected disability
15 retirement of Darien Haney.

16 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
18 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

19 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
22 motion to approve the service connected disability
23 retirement of George Kazimierczak.

24 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

25 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in

1 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

2 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
5 motion to deny service connected but approved non
6 service connected disability retirement on
7 reconsideration of Kevin Klett. Is there a second?

8 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

9 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
10 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

11 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

12 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: I make a motion to deny
14 service connected disability retirement but approved non
15 service connected disability retirement on
16 reconsideration of Gloribel Marin-Luna.

17 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

18 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
19 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

20 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

21 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
23 motion to approve the non service connected disability
24 retirement of Henri Matos.

25 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

1 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
2 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

3 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

4 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
6 motion to deny service connected but approved non
7 service connected disability retirement of Maribel
8 Nieves.

9 DR. NOVA: Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Is there any discussion?
11 All in favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

12 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

13 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
15 motion to deny on reconsideration of service connected
16 disability retirement of Melvin Riddick.

17 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

18 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
19 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

20 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye, .

21 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
23 motion to deny the service connected disability
24 retirement of Mario Rodrigues.

25 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

1 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
2 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

3 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

4 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
6 motion to approve the application of non service
7 retirement of Ray Rodriguez.

8 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

9 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
10 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

11 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

12 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
14 motion to approve the application for non service
15 connected disability retirement of Rose Spielman.

16 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in
18 favor, say aye. Rudich, aye.

19 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a
22 motion to adjourn the meeting of the Medical Examining
23 Board today.

24 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

25 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion?

1 "CATHY": Yes. Do people (Inaudible) get to
2 discuss or -- hello?

3 MS. POWELL: No.

4 MR. HELFAND: Yeah. I'm sorry, ma'am. But
5 the floor is not open to the public.

6 "CATHY": Oh, I thought that somebody had said
7 that each person would have like a couple of minutes to
8 say something.

9 MR. HELFAND: Yeah, unfortunately according to
10 the rules that only applies to people who are applying
11 for reconsideration.

12 "CATHY": Oh, okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Thank you. So I'm going
14 to make that motion again to go out of -- to adjourn the
15 meeting of the medical board today.

16 DR. NOVA: Nova, second.

17 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion among the
18 members? All in favor say aye. Rudich, aye.

19 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

21 MS. POWELL: Okay. The meeting is --

22 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. The
23 meeting is adjourned.

24 (Adjourned at 12:32 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE

I certify that this document is a true and accurate description of the proceedings obtained from the recorded meeting of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission, Medical Examining Board held on August 9, 2024 to the best of my ability.



Wendy Malitsky

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