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2 STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
3 STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION  
4 MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

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6 JANUARY 8, 2025

7 HELD VIA Zoom

8 CONVENED AT 9:00 A.M.  
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10 Present (Via Zoom):

11 Dr. Lynn Rudich.

12 Dr. Frank Gerratana.

13 Dr. Sheldon Nova

14 Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division

15 Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division

16 Nabil Waheed, Retirement Services Division

17 Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor LLP.  
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1 (Meeting commenced at 9:08 a.m.)

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4 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: The January 8, 2025 meeting of  
5 the Medical Examining Board is now in session. I am Dr. Lynn  
6 Rudich, Chairperson. We have Dr. Frank Gerratana and Dr.  
7 Sheldon Nova. We also have present from the Office of the State  
8 Comptroller, Retirement Services Division, Helena Bartolomeo,  
9 Nabil Waheed, Robert Helfand and Patrick Fairbanks will also be  
10 joining. In addition, we have General Counsel for the  
11 Retirement Commission and Medical Examining Board, Robin Kallor.

12 I'm going to make a motion to go into executive  
13 session --

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

15 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: -- okay. I'm going to request  
16 that members of the Retirement Services Division and counsel be  
17 allowed to remain.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Now, Gerratana, second.

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

21 DR. NOVA: Aye.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: The motion passes. We are going  
24 to go into executive session.

25 (Executive Session from 9:10 a.m. to 1:03 p.m.)

1           CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Anybody -- would you mind muting  
2 -- if your -- during our voting please.

3           The Board will be making determinations and voting on  
4 these determinations, but we'd like to remind members that only  
5 the final vote will be given today and not the reason for the  
6 vote.

7           In some instances there may not have been enough  
8 medical information to make a determination, or perhaps a  
9 non-service connected disability is more likely than a service  
10 connected disability.

11           You may seek reconsideration of an initial denial.  
12 You will receive the Board's written determination within 2 to 4  
13 weeks which will provide additional information.

14           I make a motion to table the service connected  
15 disability retirement application of Lance Battersby.

16           DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

19           DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

20           DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

21           CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
22 to deny service connected disability retirement of Maria  
23 Bautista, but the Board would look favorably on non-service  
24 connected disability retirement.

25           DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

3           DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

4           DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

5           CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
6 to deny the non-service connected disability retirement of  
7 Kathleen Belanger.

8           DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

11          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

12          DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

13          CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
14 to deny the service connected disability retirement on  
15 reconsideration of Desiree Bowman.

16          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

19          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

20          DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

21          CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
22 to table the service connected application for Casey Corcoran.

23          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

24          CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor,  
25 say aye. Rudich, aye.

1 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

2 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
4 to approve the service connected disability retirement of Lisa  
5 Davino.

6 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any Discussion? All in favor,  
8 say aye. Rudich, aye.

9 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

10 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
12 to deny service connected but approve non-service connected  
13 disability retirement of Todd Evangelisti.

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

17 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

18 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
20 to deny service connected and non-service connected disability  
21 retirement of LaNina Fulton-Richards.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

23 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor,  
24 say aye. Rudich, aye.

25 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

1 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
3 to deny the non-service connected disability retirement of  
4 Richard Hammell.

5 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

6 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any Discussion? All in favor,  
7 say aye. Rudich, aye.

8 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

9 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
11 to deny service connected disability retirement, but approve  
12 non-service connected disability retirement of Khai Johnson.

13 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

16 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

17 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
19 to deny service connected disability retirement, but approve  
20 non-service connected disability retirement of Kisha Jordan.

21 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

22 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor,  
23 say aye. Rudich, aye.

24 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

25 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

1           CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
2 to deny both service connected and non-service connected  
3 disability retirement of Joseph Marino, Jr.

4           DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

5           CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor say  
6 aye. Rudich, aye.

7           DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

8           DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

9           CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
10 to deny service connected but approve non-service connected  
11 disability retirement of Kathleen Muldowney.

12          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

15          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

16          DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

17          CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
18 to approve the non-service connected disability retirement of  
19 Lance Oliver.

20          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

23          DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

24          DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

25          CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion

1 to deny service connected, but approve non-service connected  
2 disability retirement of Orlando Ramirez, Jr.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

6 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

7 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
9 to deny service connected disability retirement of Eddie Rivera  
10 on reconsideration.

11 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

15 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
17 to approve the non-service connected disability retirement of  
18 Lisa Robinson.

19 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

23 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
25 to approve the non-service connected disability retirement of



1 Marlene Rogers.

2 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

5 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

6 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
8 to approve the service connected disability retirement of Eric  
9 Taylor.

10 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

13 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

14 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
16 to deny the non-service connected disability retirement of  
17 Barbara Walker.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

19 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Any Discussion? All in favor,  
20 say aye. Rudich, aye.

21 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

22 DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
24 to approve the non-service connected disability retirement of  
25 Vilma Marrero.

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DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. I make a motion  
to adjourn the meeting.

DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, second.

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

DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

DR. NOVA: Nova, aye.

CHAIRPERSON RUDICH: Motion passes. We are now  
adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I certify that this document is a true and accurate description of the proceedings obtained from the recorded meeting of the State of Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission, Medical Examining Board on January 8, 2025 to the best of my ability.

*Wendy Malitsky*

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