

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.,
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Patrick Fairbanks, Retirement Services Division
Nabil Waheed, Retirement Services Division
Robin Kallor, 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 9:08 am.

Dr. Rudich motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, at 9:09 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Attorney Russell Zimberlin and Desiree Bowman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:28 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:35 pm.
2. Orlando Ramirez, Jr. appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:37 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:48 pm.
3. Attorney Carolyn Young and Eddie Rivera appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:49 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:55 pm.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 1:03 pm.

BATTERSBY, LANCE # 183445 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Lance Battersby's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BAUTISTA, MARIA # 979275 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Maria Bautista's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BELANGER, KATHLEEN # 130741 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kathleen Belanger's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BOWMAN, DESIREE # 161290 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Desiree Bowman's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CORCORAN, CASEY # 163624 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Casey Corcoran's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAVINO, LISA # 526753 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Lisa Davino's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EVANGELISTI, TODD # 127441 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Todd Evangelisti's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FULTON-RICHARDS, LANINA # 135123 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny LaNina Fulton-Richards' entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HAMMELL, RICHARD # 063463 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Richard Hammell's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHNSON, KHAI # 161353 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Khai Johnson's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JORDAN, KISHA # 048257 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kisha Jordan's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARINO JR., JOSEPH # 007187 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Joseph Marino Jr.'s entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MULDOWNEY, KATHLEEN # 476856 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kathleen Muldowney's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

OLIVER, LANCE # 069777 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Lance Oliver's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RAMIREZ, JR., ORLANDO # 078269 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Orlando Ramirez, Jr., entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RIVERA, EDDIE # 425247 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Eddie Rivera's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBINSON, LISA # 967672 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Lisa Robinson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROGERS, MARLENE # 065035 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Marlene Rogers' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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

WALKER, BARBARA # 011374 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Barbara Walker's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARRERO, VILMA # 044425 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Vilma Marrero's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 pm. Motion approved unanimously.