

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 16, 2025

HELD VIA Zoom

CONVENED AT 9:00 A.M.

Present (Via Zoom):

Frank Gerratana, M.D., Chairperson

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

Sokpoleak So, M.D.

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division

Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division

Patrick Fairbanks, Retirement Services Division

Alexandra Cipolla, Retirement Services Division

Robin Kallor, General Counsel, Rose Kallor LLP

1 (Proceedings began at 9:01 a.m.)

2 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: So good morning, everyone. The
3 April 16, 2025 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in
4 session. I'm Dr. Frank Gerratana, Chairperson.

5 Also present are Dr. Ralph Rosenberg and Dr. Sokpoleak
6 So. Present from the Office of the State Comptroller Retirement
7 Services Division are staff members from the Retirement Services
8 Division, including Helena Bartolomeo, Alexandra Cipolla,
9 Patrick Fairbanks and Robert Helfand.

10 The general counsel today for the Retirement
11 Commission and Medical Examining Board is Attorney Robin Kallor.

12 I'll accept a motion to go into Executive Session for
13 the purposes of discussing individual member's disability health
14 issues, and I'll request that members of the Retirement Services
15 Division and Counsel be allowed to remain. Is there a second?

16 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, I second.

17 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
18 favor? Aye.

19 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

20 DR. SO: So, aye.

21 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

22 (Executive Session from 9:03 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.)

23 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: This is Dr. Frank Gerratana.
24 I'll make this statement. The Board will be making
25 determinations and voting on those determinations, but we'd like

1 to remind members that only the final vote will be given today
2 and not the reasons for the vote. In some instances there may
3 not have been enough medical information to make a
4 determination, or perhaps a service connected disability is more
5 likely a non-service connected disability.

6 You may seek reconsideration of an initial denial.
7 You will receive the Board's written determination within 2 to 4
8 weeks, which will provide you with that additional information.

9 At this point we will vote on individual applicants.
10 Concerning Lisa Carter, I move that a request for continued
11 entitlement on reconsideration be denied. Is there a second?

12 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, I second.

13 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
14 favor? Gerratana, aye.

15 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

16 DR. SO: So, aye.

17 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Motion passes.

18 Concerning Kersey Charles, I move that the request for
19 continued entitlement to be tabled. Is there a second?

20 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

21 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
22 favor? Gerratana, aye.

23 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

24 DR. SO: So, aye.

25 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

1 Concerning Jason Deary, I move that the request for
2 continued entitlement be denied. Is there a second?

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

4 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
5 favor? Gerratana, aye.

6 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

7 DR. SO: So, aye.

8 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

9 Concerning Cynthia Francis, I move that her request
10 for continued entitlement be tabled. Is there a second?

11 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

12 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
13 favor? Gerratana, aye.

14 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

15 DR. SO: So, aye.

16 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

17 Concerning Wendy Hartling, I move that the request for
18 continued entitlement on reconsideration be denied. Is there a
19 second?

20 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

21 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
22 favor? Gerratana, aye.

23 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

24 DR. SO: So, aye.

25 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

1 Concerning Stephanie Middleton, I move that her
2 request for continued entitlement be denied. Is there a second?

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

4 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
5 favor? Gerratana, aye.

6 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

7 DR. SO: So, aye.

8 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

9 Concerning Juan Navedo, I move that the request for
10 continue entitlement to be approved. Is there a second?

11 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

12 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
13 favor? Gerratana, aye.

14 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

15 DR. SO: So, aye.

16 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

17 Concerning David Petrillo, I move that his request for
18 continued entitlement be tabled. Is there a second?

19 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

20 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
21 favor? Gerratana, aye.

22 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

23 DR. SO: So, aye.

24 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

25 Concerning Charles Revere, I move that his request for

1 continued entitlement be denied. Is there a second?

2 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, I second.

3 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
4 favor? Gerratana, aye.

5 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

6 DR. SO: So, aye.

7 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Motion passes.

8 Concerning Nathan Robinson, I move that his request
9 for continued entitlement be tabled. Is there a second?

10 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

11 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
12 favor? Gerratana, aye.

13 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

14 DR. SO: So, aye.

15 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

16 Concerning Julio Ruiz, I move that his request for
17 continued entitlement be tabled. Is there a second?

18 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

19 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
20 favor? Gerratana, aye.

21 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

22 DR. SO: So, aye.

23 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

24 Concerning Kathy Sledge, I move that her request for
25 continued entitlement be approved. Is there a second?

1 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

2 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
3 favor? Gerratana, aye.

4 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

5 DR. SO: So, aye.

6 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

7 Concerning Aaron Spring, I move that his request for
8 continued entitlement be approved. Is there a second?

9 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

10 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
11 favor? Gerratana, aye.

12 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

13 DR. SO: So, aye.

14 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

15 Concerning Tara Stevenson, I move that her request for
16 continued entitlement be denied. Is there a second?

17 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

18 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
19 favor? Gerratana, aye.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

21 DR. SO: So, aye.

22 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

23 Concerning Debra Trimachi, I move that her request for
24 continued entitlement be denied. Is there a second?

25 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

1 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
2 favor? Gerratana, aye.

3 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

4 DR. SO: So, aye.

5 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

6 Concerning Jefte Vazquez, I move that his request for
7 continued entitlement be tabled. Is there a second?

8 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

9 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
10 favor? Gerratana, aye.

11 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

12 DR. SO: So, aye.

13 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes.

14 Additionally, there are requests for continued
15 entitlement for a group of individuals that I'll name, and I'll
16 recommend that their requests be approved for Altana Amet,
17 Laurel Chase, Lorna Chin-Que, Kimberly Clark, Frank Ginise,
18 Henry Hampton, Thomas O'Connor, Kimberly Rice, Christine
19 Santulli, Edward Short, Monica Smith and Robert Spina.

20 Is there a second?

21 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

22 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
23 favor? Gerratana, aye.

24 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

25 DR. SO: So, aye.

1 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion for all of those
2 individuals passes.

3 I think with there being no other business, I'll move
4 that the meeting be adjourned. Is there a second?

5 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, second.

6 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: Any discussion? All those in
7 favor? Gerratana, aye.

8 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

9 DR. SO: So, aye.

10 CHAIRMAN GERRATANA: The motion passes. Okay, thank
11 you all.

12 (Meeting adjourned at 0:00 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 State of Connecticut State Employees' Retirement Commission, Medical Examining Board on April 16, 2025 to the best of my ability.

Wendy Malitsky

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My Commission Expires
March 31, 2030