

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Wednesday, November 5, 2025

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Frank Gerratana, M.D , CHAIRPERSON
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Patrick Fairbanks, Retirement Services Division
Alexandra Cipolla, 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 9:06 am.

Dr. Gerratana motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Nova, at 9:09 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. A brief break was taken. Alexandra Cipolla left the session at 9:41 am during the discussion about Heidi Hickcox and returned to the session at 9:59 am.

1. Attorney Lee Gold and Danien Haney appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:44 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:51 am.

Dr. Gerratana motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Nova at 11:53 am.

GINA BURNS NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Deny the entitlement of Gina Burns for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHARLES CANFIELD NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Deny the entitlement of Charles Canfield for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DANIEL CURRIN NON-SERVICE CONN.(CONT'D)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Deny the entitlement of Daniel Currin for a Non-Service Conn.(Cont'd) Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GERALD DICKENS NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of Gerald Dickens for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBBIE GILLES SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Deny the entitlement of Debbie Gilles for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DARIEN HANEY NON-SERVICE CONN.(RECON)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Deny the entitlement of Darien Haney for a Non-Service Conn.(RECON) Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HEIDI HICKCOX SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Table the entitlement of Heidi Hickcox for a Service-Connected Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CRYSTAL JONES NON-SERVICE CONN.(CONT'D)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of Crystal Jones for a Non-Service Conn.(Cont'd) Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LASHAWN LOCKETT SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of LaShawn Lockett for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARY MCCARTHY NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of Mary McCarthy for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DELORES MEDINA SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Deny the entitlement of Delores Medina for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FRANK MOORE SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Deny Frank Moore's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL OLESEN

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Deny the entitlement of Michael Olesen for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEVEN ORIE

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of Steven Orie for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DERRICK ROBINSON

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of Derrick Robinson for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

YARITZA RUIZ

SERVICE-CONNECTED*

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of Yaritza Ruiz for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUIS SANCHEZ

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of Luis Sanchez for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GORDON SHEPARD

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of Gordon Shepard for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN STREET

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Table the entitlement of John Street for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

AMANDA THOMAS

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Approve the entitlement of Amanda Thomas for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN TRYJADA

SERVICE-CONNECTED*

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to Table the entitlement of John Tryjada for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Nova to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 pm. Motion approved unanimously.