

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.  
Sokpoleak So, M.D.

ABSENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.  
Sheldon Nova, M.D.  
Fielding Johnson, M.D.  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.  
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.  
Manny Katsetos, M.D.  
Sachin Parekh, M.D.  
Frank Gerratana, M.D.  
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division  
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division  
Patrick Fairbanks, Retirement Services Division  
Alexandra Cipolla, Retirement Services Division  
Nabil Waheed, 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. Rosenberg motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, at 9:07 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.

1. Archie Robertson appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:38 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 10:48 am.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld at 10:52 am.

DAMIANO, SUSAN # 048267 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Susan Damiano's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DE LOS SANTOS, CASILDA # 594041 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to table Casilda De Los Santos' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HEYWARD-MILLER, KRISTEN # 063113 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Kristen Heyward-Miller's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HUNTER, WILLIE # 598721 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Willie Hunter's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. So dissents.

JOSEPH, SCHMID # 647620 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Schmid Joseph's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LORENZO, PASQUALINA # 866843 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Pasqualina Lorenzo's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MCCLURE, SHANNON # 592536 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Shannon McClure's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MILIA, KIM # 581956 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Kim Milia's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PEREZ DE ORTIZ, ELSA # 404357 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Elsa Perez de Ortiz's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PERKINS, TABITHA # 084912 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Tabitha Perkins' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PERUSSE, RACHELLE # 009443 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Rachelle Perusse's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERTSON, ARCHIE # 501352 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Archie Robertson's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RUSIECKI, RICHARD # 490540 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Richard Rusiecki's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHELL, KRISTALYNN # 657141 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Kristalynn Shell's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**Continued Entitlement Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding of August 6, 2015**

BAKER, CARL # 092780 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Carl Baker's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BROWN, SOPHIA # 472350 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Sophia Brown's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BURRUS, RASHALA # 582172 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Rashala Burrus' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLEMENTS, MICHAEL # 038601 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Michael Clements' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CRISTOFARO, JOHN # 429949 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue John Cristofaro's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CRUZ, ANGEL # 507468 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Angel Cruz's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EPPS, AMY # 510681 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Amy Epps' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FEBUS, GILBERTO # 860916 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Gilberto Febus' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HART, DENNIS # 356599 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Dennis Hart's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KABEL, TIMOTHY # 526453 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Timothy Kabel's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEVY-REID, SONIA # 033102 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Sonia Levy-Reid's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LOWE, SHOWN # 564618 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Shown Lowe's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARRERO, VILMA # 044425 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Vilma Marrero's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MILLER, JACQUELINE # 490802 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Jacqueline Miller's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

OLIVER, LANCE # 069777 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Lance Oliver's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RODRIGUEZ-MARCANO, LILLIAN # 651009 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Lillian Rodriguez-Marcano's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SIMPSON, GARY # 471298 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Gary Simpson's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ZUJKO, ELIZABETH # 477682 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue Elizabeth Zujko's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 am. Motion approved unanimously.