

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

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

PRESENT:

Sachin Parekh, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.

ABSENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, 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
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 9:09 am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, at 9:10 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Attorney Jenna Sternberg and Evangelista Contreras appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:53 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:00 pm.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and William Kenney appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:03 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:09 pm.
3. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Yvette Sapp appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:11 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:14 pm.

Dr. Parekh motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 12:14 pm.

BRANDI, MICHAEL # 126655 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Michael Brandi's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHARIF, CHRISTINE # 802449 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Christine Charif's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLARK, KIMBERLY # 599904 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Kimberly Clark's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLES, PHYLISTHA # 468026 NON SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Phylisha Coles' entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CONCEPCION, NAYDA # 972918 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Nayda Concepcion's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CONTRERAS, EVANGELISTA # 656809 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Evangelista Contreras' entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAY, STEPHEN # 388067 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Stephen Day's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JACKSON-COLEMAN, VALERIE # 594479 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Valerie Jackson-Coleman's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JENKINS, CHARLENE # 635900 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to table Charlene Jenkins' entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JULIANO, JOSEPH # 136032 NON SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Joseph Juliano's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KENNEY, WILLIAM # 647961 NON SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny William Kenney's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KROHLEY, NADINE # 018436 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Nadine Krohley's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MOSS SOLOMON, KEBRAN # 093893 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kebran Moss Solomon's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NEMETH, JOLENE # 561303 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Jolene Nemeth's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NEWMAN, KIMBERLY # 613440 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kimberly Newman's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Lieders dissents.

SANTULLI, CHRISTINE # 614059 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Christine Santulli's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SAPP, YVETTE # 495855 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Yvette Sapp's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SCHORK, MICHAEL # 551846 SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Michael Schork's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SELLEW, DEREK # 062421 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Derek Sellow's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHORT, EDWARD # 163559 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Edward Short's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SMITH, MONICA # 532865 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Monica Smith's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

URENA, CHRISTOPHER # 095577 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Christopher Urena's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 pm. Motion approved unanimously.