

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Wednesday, April 2, 2025

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Wednesday, April 2, 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
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

ABSENT:

Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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 9:05am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Lieders, at 9:06am. 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. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Shontel Harris appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:20am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:24am.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Janet Jubrey appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:25am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:29am.
3. Kimberly Newman and Collin Newman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:30am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:37am.

Dr. Parekh motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Lieders at 11:39am.

CAREY, JANE # 100374 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Jane Carey's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARTER, VIQUI # 489958 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Viqui Carter's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLEMONS, IRVIN # 234731 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Irvin Clemons' entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DARDEN, MICHAEL # 624655 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Michael Darden's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEPREY, MATTHEW # 228670 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Matthew Deprey's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DRISCOLL, DOROTHEA # 478414 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Dorothea Driscoll's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FALLON, BRIDGET # 055518 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Bridget Fallon's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FLANIGAN, NANCY # 237311 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Nancy Flanigan's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GARDNER, JUAN # 242845 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Juan Gardner's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HARRIS, SHONTEL # 037204 SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Shontel Harris' entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HARRISON, JASON # 053613 SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to table Jason Harrison's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JUBREY, JANET # 526523 NON SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Janet Jubrey's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LOWE, MARK # 087121 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Mark Lowe's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARTIN, SHANNON # 967907 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Shannon Martin's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MOORE, TIFFANY # 156222 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Tiffany Moore's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NEWMAN, KIMBERLY # 613440 NON SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Kimberly Newman's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PADILLA, MARIA # 455547 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to table Maria Padilla's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PETERSON, KIM # 031252 SERVICE CONNECTED* (RECON)
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Kim Peterson's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROSARIO, LUZ # 495394 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Luz Rosario's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SMITH, LAVERN # 042620 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Lavern Smith's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VERA, SARA # 651578 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to table Sara Vera's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILLIAMS, YOTISSE # 477057 NON SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to approve Yotisse Williams' entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WOVIOTIS, DONNA # 002119 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to deny Donna Woviotis' entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Parekh moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders to adjourn the meeting at 11:48am. Motion approved unanimously.