

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Wednesday, May 21, 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
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

ABSENT:

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
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.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Helena Bartolomeo, Retirement Services Division
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 9:07 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. Lieders, at 9:11 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. Patrick Fairbanks, Alexandra Cipolla, and Helena Bartolomeo were excused from executive session at 9:12 am and invited back into executive session at 9:39 am. A brief break was taken.

1. Charles Mercado appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:23 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:30 pm.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Robert Mullin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:31 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:43 pm.

Dr. Gerratana motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Lieders at 12:49 pm.

CASSADA, CYNTHIA # 507798 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to table Cynthia Cassada's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLINTON, MARK # 081608 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to table Mark Clinton's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GALARZA, ADELINA # 170828 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to table Adelina Galarza's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GALLICCHIO, MICHAEL # 024540 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Michael Gallicchio's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HERNANDEZ, TRACIE # 641546 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Tracie Hernandez's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KUCZENSKI, HENRY # 021442 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Henry Kuczenski's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEMBO, KEVIN # 647895 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Kevin Lembo's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARTINEZ, PERSIO # 161061 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Persio Martinez's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MCCANN, NICOLE # 467126 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Nicole McCann's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MERCADO, CHARLES # 005504 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to discontinue Charles Mercado's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision, Dr. Lieders dissents.

MULLIN, ROBERT # 034693 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Robert Mullin's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MURRAY, BRANDON # 049542 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Brandon Murray's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PERRY, ANNIE # 449424 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to discontinue Annie Perry's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PLUMMER, CRYSTAL # 490948 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to table Crystal Plummer's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROGERS, DIANE # 139718 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to discontinue Diane Rogers' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANTIAGO, YAMILET # 067196 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Yamilet Santiago's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEVENSON, NOELLE # 538901 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Noelle Stevenson's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUAREZ, LISA # 071313 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to table Lisa Suarez's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILSON, MARC # 523937 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to discontinue Marc Wilson's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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

BARRETT, JOHN # 026570 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue John Barrett's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BERNIER, KRISTEN # 478157 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Kristen Bernier's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COHEN, CHRISTOPHER # 507866 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Christopher Cohen's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FRANCIS, CYNTHIA # 490696 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Cynthia Francis' entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JUBREY, JANET # 526523 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Janet Jubrey's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KNIGHT, KELLY # 863195 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Kelly Knight's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARTIN, SHANNON # 967907 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Shannon Martin's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NEWMAN, KIMBERLY # 613440 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Kimberly Newman's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEFANIAK, DEBORAH # 562225 CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders, to continue Deborah Stefaniak's entitlement to Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Lieders to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 pm. Motion approved unanimously.