

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Wednesday, June 4, 2025

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Patrick Fairbanks, Retirement Services Division
Alexandra Cipolla, Retirement Services Division
Helena Bartolomeo, 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. Rudich motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Nova, at 9:07 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. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on Zoom on behalf of Enrique Camacho before the Board at 11:50 am. He did not make a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:51 am.
2. Leonard Fowler appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:51 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:13 pm.
3. Monica Robles appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:19 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:21 pm.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Nova at 12:24 pm.

ABELI, RANDOL # 034436 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Randol Abeli's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ACEVEDO, JACQUELINE # 020421 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Jacqueline Acevedo's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALI, SCOTT # 716593 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Scott Ali's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BENJAMIN, MARILETTE # 512227 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Marilette Benjamin's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BLAIR, MATTHEW # 557597 SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Matthew Blair's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BOWE, JAMES # 160256 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve James Bowe's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CAMACHO, ENRIQUE # 866791 SERVICE CONNECTED* (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Enrique Camacho's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CROOMS, WILLIAM # 157788 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve William Crooms' entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DARGAN, STEPHEN # 716306 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Stephen Dargan's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EWING, MATTHEW # 920371 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Matthew Ewing entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FOWLER, LEONARD # 803232 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Leonard Fowler's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HERMANN, CATHERINE # 650643 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Catherine Hermann's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEWIS, TARA # 462610 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Tara Lewis' entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LONGO, JACQUELINE # 498111 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Jacqueline Longo's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LOPEZ, JOSE # 256140 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Jose Lopez's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUNN, DANIEL # 613090 SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Daniel Lunn's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MOORE, FRANK # 037700 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Frank Moore's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MOORE, KERSTEN # 437909 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Kersten Moore's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBINSON, DEBORAH # 500509 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Deborah Robinson's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBLES, MONICA # 235164 SERVICE CONNECTED* (RECON)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Monica Robles' entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RODNEY, NIGEL # 091210 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Nigel Rodney's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SEARSON, CHRISTINE # 091654 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Christine Searson's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SHERBACK, TODD # 226478 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Todd Sherback's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TAYLOR, TYRA # 244856 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Tyra Taylor's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WOOD, LANCE # 556898 SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Lance Wood's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CAPLE, ALESHIA # 041598 SERVICE CONNECTED*
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Aleshia Caple's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANTIAGO, RAYMOND

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SERVICE CONNECTED*

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Raymond Santiago's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 pm. Motion approved unanimously.