

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
Wednesday, August 6, 2025

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Wednesday, August 6, 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  
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.  
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.  
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.  
Manny Katsetos, M.D.  
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.  
Sachin Parekh, M.D.  
Sheldon Nova, M.D.  
Sohrab Zahedi, 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  
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 9:07 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. Rosenberg, at 9:10 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 and Kathleen Belanger appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:51 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:56 am.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin appeared on behalf of Laurie Bernier on Zoom before the Board at 11:57 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:05 pm.
3. Attorney Grabow and Kathleen Fletcher appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:20 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:34 pm.

Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg at 12:41 pm.

ALBINO, PASQUALE # 472103 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Pasquale Albino's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANDINO, JONATHAN # 244560 SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Jonathan Andino's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ARRIGONI, MARC # 231573 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to table Marc Arrigoni's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BELANGER, KATHLEEN # 130741 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Kathleen Belanger's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BERNIER, LAURIE # 802071 SERVICE CONNECTED\* (RECON)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Laurie Bernier's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHURCH, JOHN # 657016 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny John Church's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CORCORAN, CASEY # 163624 SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Casey Corcoran's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CROWE, CATHY # 234256 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Cathy Crowe's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CUADRADO, ROSA # 863423 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approved Rosa Cuadrado's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DIAZ, KIMBERLY # 084013 SERVICE CONNECTED\* (CONT'D)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Kimberly Diaz's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FLETCHER, KATHLEEN # 869904 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Kathleen Fletcher's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FORTIN, DENICE # 535059 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to table Denice Fortin's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GREGOR, DESMOND # 518562 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to table Desmond Gregor's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JACKSON, JANICE # 511596 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Janice Jackson's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHNSON, MICHAEL # 466888 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Michael Johnson's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MUDRY, MICHAEL # 597023 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to remove Michael Mudry from the agenda at the member's own request. Motion approved unanimously.

PEREZ, VICTOR # 244631 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to table Victor Perez's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PROUDFOOT, CHRISTOPHER # 311952 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Christopher Proudfoot's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SMITH, LEROY # 433577 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to approve Leroy Smith's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SOKOL, DINA # 252741 SERVICE CONNECTED\*  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Dina Sokol's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VALENTI, LISA # 490548 SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Lisa Valenti's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but the Board would look favorably upon non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ZABIN, JONATHAN # 073475 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED  
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to deny Jonathan Zabin's entitlement to Non Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 pm. Motion approved unanimously.