

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Wednesday, September 3, 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  
Sokpoleak So, M.D.  
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.  
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.  
Manny Katsetos, M.D.  
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.  
Sachin Parekh, M.D.  
Lynn Rudich, M.D.  
Sheldon Nova, M.D.  
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.  
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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 9:10 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. So, at 9:16 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. Katherine Arasimowicz appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:15 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:18 pm.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Robert Hohman appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:19 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:42 pm.
3. Attorney Nathan Shafner, Deana Notts and her husband Joe Nott appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:46 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:58 pm.
4. Emil Serrano appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:04 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:15 pm.
5. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin, Kellye Wood and her friend Cecymbia Williams appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:21 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:31 pm.

Dr. Gerratana motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. So at 1:42 pm.

Pursuant to a request from Robert Carrilo, the review of his medial application was conducted during the public meeting, after executive session had concluded. Before his application was discussed, Robert Carrilo acknowledged that members of the public in attendance at the meeting would see and hear the Board's discussion of his medical records, and that the discussion would continue to be accessible to the public after the meeting, because the meeting was being recorded, and the recording would be part of the public record. Robert Carrilo confirmed that he agreed to have his application considered in this way. Dr. Gerstenfeld read a summary of the medical information submitted by Robert Carrilo. Robert Carrilo answered questions posed by staff of the Retirement Services Division staff and members of the Medical Examining Board. After discussion had concluded, the following motions were made:

ARASIMOWICZ, KATHERINE

SERVICE CONNECTED\* (RECON)

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Katherine Arasimowicz's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BEVERLEY, MARIA

SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Maria Beverley's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BODDIE, ASSAN

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Assan Boddie's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRADFORD, DEBORAH

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Deborah Bradford's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BURPEE, MONIQUE

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Monique Burpee's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARRANZA, RODOLFO

SERVICE CONNECTED\*

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Rodolfo Carranza's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARILLO, ROBERT

SERVICE CONNECTED\* (RECON)

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Robert Carillo's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLLINS, WANDA

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Wanda Collins' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DALEY, HEATHER

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Heather Daley's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FLORENCE, EHIBOR-COLE

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Florence Ehibor-Cole's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ELLIOT, SCOTT

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Scott Elliot's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FREEMAN, WANDA

SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Wanda Freeman's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GREGOR, DESMOND

SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Desmond Gregor's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HOHMAN, ROBERT

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Robert Hohman's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KING, JENNIFER

SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Jennifer King's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

McGINLEY, MICHELE

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Michele McGinley's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NOTT, DEANA

SERVICE CONNECTED\* (RECON)

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Deana Nott's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve continuing her current non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

O'BRIEN, THOMAS

SERVICE CONNECTED\*

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Thomas O'Brien's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBINSON, DEBORAH

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to approve Deborah Robinson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SERRANO, EMIL

SERVICE CONNECTED (RECON)

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Emil Serrano's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WOOD, KELLYE

SERVICE CONNECTED\* (RECON)

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Kellye Wood's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to non-service connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WORKS, PETER

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to deny Peter Works' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

YORK, DONALD

SERVICE CONNECTED\*

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So, to table Donald York's entitlement to Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. So to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 pm. Motion approved unanimously.