

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING Board

DATE: November 5, 2025

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

Present:

Dr. Frank Gerratana

Dr. Sheldon Nova

Dr. Ralph Rosenberg

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division

Patrick Fairbanks, Retirement Services Division

Alexandra Cipolla, Retirement Services Division

Cindy Cieslak, Rose Kallor, LLP

1 (Proceedings began at 9:04 a.m.)

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3 MS. CIESLAK: All right, Dr. Gerratana, you can
4 proceed when you're ready.

5 DR. GERRATANA: Good morning, everyone. I'm
6 Dr. Frank Gerratana. The November 5th, 2025 meeting
7 of the Medical Examining Board is now in session.

8 Present with me are Dr. Sheldon Nova and Dr.
9 Ralph Rosenberg. Present from the Office of the
10 State Comptroller, Retirement Services Division, are
11 staff members Alexandra Cipolla, Patrick Fairbanks,
12 and Robert Helfand. General Counsel for the
13 Retirement Commission and Medical Examining Board is
14 Attorney Cindy Cieslak.

15 I make a motion that the Board go into
16 Executive Session for the purposes of discussing
17 individual member's disability and health issues. I
18 ask that the members of the Retirement Services
19 Division and counsel be allowed to remain. Is there
20 a second?

21 DR. NOVA: Second. Dr. Nova.

22 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor say aye.

23 DR. NOVA: Aye.

24 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

25 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion

1 passes. So we will go into Executive Session.

2 ATTORNEY CIESLAK: Thank you, Dr. Gerratana.
3 This is Cindy Cieslak. I am going to place all of
4 the applicants, their counsel, and members of the
5 public in the waiting room while we are in Executive
6 Session to discuss the applicants' private and
7 confidential medical information.

8 If you are on reconsideration, you will be
9 invited in to make your statement to the Board.

10 After the doctors have had an opportunity to
11 review all of the applicants, we will re-enter
12 public session and you'll be able to hear their
13 decisions today.

14 This process sometimes does take a few hours,
15 so if you're in the waiting room for what seems like
16 a long time, please be patient with us and we'll let
17 you all back in when we re-enter public session.
18 Thank you.

19 (Executive Session from 9:05 a.m. to 11:53
20 a.m.)

21 DR. GERRATANA: Good morning, everyone. The
22 Board will be making determinations and voting on
23 those determinations, but would like to remind
24 members that only the final vote will be given
25 today, and not the reasons for the vote.

1 In some instances, there may not have been
2 enough medical information to make a determination,
3 or perhaps a non-service-connected disability is
4 more likely a service-connected disability.

5 You may seek reconsideration of an initial
6 denial. You will receive the Board's written
7 determination within two to four weeks, which will
8 provide you with that additional information.

9 The Board will now vote on individual
10 applications.

11 Concerning Gina Burns, I move that her request
12 for a non-service-connected disability retirement be
13 denied. Is there a second?

14 DR. NOVA: Second, Dr. Nova.

15 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

16 DR. NOVA: Aye, Dr. Nova.

17 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

18 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
19 passes.

20 Concerning Charles Canfield, I move that the
21 request for a non-service-connected disability
22 retirement be denied. Is there a second?

23 DR. NOVA: Second, Dr. Nova.

24 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

25 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

1 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

2 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
3 passes.

4 Concerning Daniel Currin, I move that the
5 request for a non-service-connected retirement on
6 continuation be denied. Is there a second?

7 DR. NOVA: Second, Dr. Nova.

8 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

9 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

10 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

11 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
12 passes.

13 Concerning Gerald Dickens, I move that the
14 request for a non-service-connected retirement be
15 approved. Is there a second?

16 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

17 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

18 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

19 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

20 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye.

21 Concerning Debbie Gilles, I move that the
22 request for a service-connected retirement be
23 denied. Is there a second?

24 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

25 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

1 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

2 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
4 passes.

5 Concerning Darien Haney, I move that her
6 request for a non-service-connected retirement on
7 reconsideration be denied. Is there a second?

8 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

9 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

10 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

11 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

12 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
13 passes.

14 Concerning Heidi Hickox, I make a motion that
15 the request for a service-connected retirement be
16 tabled, but the Board looks favorably on a non-
17 service-connected retirement. Is there a second?

18 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

19 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

20 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

21 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

22 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
23 passes.

24 Concerning Crystal Jones, I make a motion that
25 the request for a non-service-connected retirement

1 continuation be approved. Is there a second?

2 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

3 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

4 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

5 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

6 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
7 passes.

8 Concerning LaShawn Lockett, I make a motion
9 that the request for a service-connected retirement
10 be approved. Is there a second?

11 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

12 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

13 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

14 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

15 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion is
16 approved.

17 Concerning Mary McCarthy, I make a motion that
18 the request for a non-service-connected retirement
19 be approved. Is there a second?

20 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

21 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

22 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

23 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

24 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion is
25 approved.

1 Concerning Delores Medina, I make a motion that
2 her request for a service-connected retirement be
3 denied. Is there a second?

4 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

5 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

6 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

7 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

8 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion is
9 approved.

10 Concerning Michael Olesen, I make a motion that
11 the request for a non-service-connected retirement
12 be denied. Is there a second?

13 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

14 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

15 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

16 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

17 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
18 passes.

19 Concerning Steven Orie, I make a motion that
20 the request for a non-service-connected retirement
21 be approved. Is there a second?

22 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

23 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

24 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

25 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

1 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion is
2 approved.

3 Concerning Derrick Robinson, I make the motion
4 that his request for a non-service-connected
5 retirement be approved. Is there a second?

6 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

7 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

8 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

9 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

10 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
11 passes.

12 Concerning Yaritza Ruiz, I make a motion that
13 her request for a service-connected retirement be
14 approved. Is there a second?

15 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

16 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

17 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

18 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

19 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion is
20 approved.

21 Concerning Luis Sanchez, I make a motion that
22 his request for a service-connected retirement be
23 approved. Is there a second?

24 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

25 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

1 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

2 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

3 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion is
4 approved.

5 Concerning Gordon Shepard, I make a motion that
6 the request for a service-connected retirement be
7 approved. Is there a second?

8 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

9 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

10 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

11 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

12 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion is
13 approved.

14 Concerning John Street, I make a motion that
15 the request for a non-service-connected retirement
16 be tabled. Is there a second?

17 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

18 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

19 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

20 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

21 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
22 passes.

23 Concerning Amanda Thomas, I make a motion that
24 her request for a service-connected retirement be
25 approved. Is there a second?

1 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

2 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

3 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

4 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

5 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
6 passes.

7 Concerning John Tryjada, I make a motion that
8 his request for a service-connected retirement be
9 tabled. Is there a second?

10 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

11 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

12 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

13 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

14 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
15 passes.

16 And lastly, for Frank Moore, I make a motion
17 that we accept a request for a non-service-connected
18 retirement. Is there a second?

19 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

20 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

21 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

22 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

23 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The motion
24 passes.

25 Thank you all. That completes the business of

1 the Medical Examining Board for November 5th, 2025.
2 I'll make a motion to adjourn the meeting. Is there
3 a second?

4 DR. NOVA: Second, Nova.

5 DR. GERRATANA: All those in favor, say aye.

6 DR. NOVA: Aye, Nova.

7 DR. ROSENBERG: Rosenberg, aye.

8 DR. GERRATANA: Gerratana, aye. The meeting is
9 adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

10 (Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.)
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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Wendy Malitsky, do hereby certify that the foregoing is, to the best of my skill and ability, a true and accurate transcript of the State Employees' Retirement Commission, Medical Examining Board meeting held on November 5, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Malitsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Malitsky, Notary Public

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