

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Friday, January 23, 2026

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, January 23, 2026, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Patrick Fairbanks, Retirement Services Division
Alexandra Cipolla, Retirement Services Division
Michael Rose, 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 9:09 am.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, at 9:10 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. Patrick Fairbanks left the meeting at 9:27 am during the discussions regarding Cynthia Cassada and John Krawshuk and rejoined at 10:08 am. A brief break was taken

1. Mark Clinton appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:58 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:03 pm.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Charles Revere appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:03 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:11 pm.
3. Attorney Beverley Carswell appeared on behalf of her client Diane Rogers on Zoom before the Board at 12:12 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:15 pm.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld at 12:15 pm.

HAMILTON, PHILIP

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve the entitlement of Philip Hamilton for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRAWSHUK, JOHN

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve the entitlement of John Krawshuk for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously. Dr. Shore abstained.

VALICO, SHERESE

SERVICE CONNECTED*

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve the entitlement of Sherese Valico for a Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VESSELLA, JILL

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve the entitlement of Jill Vessella for a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENTS

CASSADA, CYNTHIA

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to table the entitlement of Cynthia Cassada for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHAN, SHARI

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to discontinue the entitlement of Shari Chan for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLINTON, MARK

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to discontinue the entitlement of Mark Clinton for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DELEON, LLEIDY

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Lleidy Deleon for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DORSO, DEBRA

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to discontinue the entitlement of Debra Dorso for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FRITZ, BARBARA

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Barbara Fritz for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEWIS, TAHISHIA

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Tahishia Lewis for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUKASIEWSKI, KEITH

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Keith Lukasiewski for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

OWENS, SCOTT

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to discontinue the entitlement of Scott Owens for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PIERSCINSKI, ELIZABETH

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to discontinue the entitlement of Elizabeth Pierscinski for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

REVERE, CHARLES

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Charles Revere for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROGERS, DIANE

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (RECON)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to table the entitlement of Diane Rogers for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SILANO, JESSICA

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Jessica Silano for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUAREZ, LISA

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (CONT'D)

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to continue the entitlement of Lisa Suarez for Disability Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision, Dr. Rosenberg dissents.

VELEZ, ANGELO

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to discontinue the entitlement of Angelo Velez for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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

BEVERLEY, MARIA

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Maria Beverley for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BURGESS, MISTY

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Misty Burgess for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BURPEE, MONIQUE

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Monique Burpee for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHAMBERS, REGINA

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Regina Chambers for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLLINS, JASON

CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Jason Collins for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DARDEN, MICHAEL CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Michael Darden for Disability Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

DEMARCO, JACQUELINE CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Jacqueline DeMarco for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FERNANDES, JESSICA CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Jessica Fernandes for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HOHMAN, ROBERT CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Robert Hohman for Disability Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

KAZIMIERCZAK, GEORGE CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of George Kazimierzak for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LEVESQUE, CARRIE CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Carrie Levesque for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MYETTE, PHILIP CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Philip Myette for Disability Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

NELSON, SHERENE CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Nelson Sherene for Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NEMETH, JOLENE CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Jolene Nemeth for Disability Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

SAWYER, ERIC CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Eric Sawyer for Disability Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

THORNTON, MAYA CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)
Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to continue the entitlement of Maya Thornton for Disability Retirement.
Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rosenberg moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 pm. Motion approved unanimously.