

MINUTES TO MEETING  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
Friday, March 6, 2026

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, March 6, 2026, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Nikolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON  
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.  
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.  
Sokpoleak So, M.D.  
Frank Gerratana, M.D.  
Sheldon Nova, M.D.  
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.  
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.  
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.  
Lynn Rudich, M.D.  
Sachin Parekh, M.D.  
Manny Katsetos, 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 9:02 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Ohene, at 9:04 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 Justin Raymond and Cathleen Adamcyk appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:57 am. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:03 pm.
2. Attorney Colleen Casini appeared on behalf of Terrance Anderson on Zoom before the Board at 12:04 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:07 pm.
3. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Jose Aponte appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:09 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:18 pm.
4. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Jennifer Torres appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:19 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:29 pm.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Ohene at 12:29 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

CATHLEEN ADAMCZYK SERVICE CONNECTED\*  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF CATHLEEN ADAMCZYK FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT, BUT APPROVE ENTITLEMENT TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

TERRANCE ANDERSON SERVICE CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE ENTITLEMENT OF TERRANCE ANDERSON FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

JOSE APONTE II SERVICE CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE ENTITLEMENT OF JOSE APONTE II FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

LANCE BATTERSBY SERVICE CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE ENTITLEMENT OF LANCE BATTERSBY FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETER BERTOLINI SERVICE CONNECTED\*  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE ENTITLEMENT OF PETER BERTOLINI FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

DAVID BRACETTI SERVICE CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF DAVID BRACETTI FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

JERRY DELAIRE SERVICE CONNECTED\*  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF JERRY DELAIRE FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

KATHERINE GALEZOWSKI SERVICE CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF KATHERINE GALEZOWSKI FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT, BUT APPROVE FOR NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION MADE TO RECONSIDER. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION MADE BY DR. LIEDERS TO DENY SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT BUT THE BOARD WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY UPON NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SHARON GRAY NON-SVC CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF SHARON GRAY FOR A NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRIAN HIGNEY NON-SVC CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF BRIAN HIGNEY FOR A NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHARLENE JENKINS NON-SVC CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO TABLE THE ENTITLEMENT OF CHARLENE JENKINS FOR A DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VICTORIA MASTERSON SERVICE CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF VICTORIA MASTERSON FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT, BUT APPROVE ENTITLEMENT TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

RICHARD MINFIELD SERVICE CONNECTED\*  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE ENTITLEMENT OF RICHARD MINFIELD FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SHEILA PARDEE NON-SVC CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO TABLE THE ENTITLEMENT OF SHEILA PARDEE FOR A DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IVONNE RAMIREZ SERVICE CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF IVONNE RAMIREZ FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ALICIA ROSTKOWSKI NON-SVC CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE ENTITLEMENT OF ALICIA ROSTKOWSKI FOR A NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MICHAL SZCZYCINSKI SERVICE CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF MICHAL SZCZYCINSKI FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT, BUT THE BOARD WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY UPON NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

JENNIFER TORRES SERVICE CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE ENTITLEMENT OF JENNIFER TORRES FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ALICIA KELLY-BROWN NON-SVC CONNECTED  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE ENTITLEMENT OF ALICIA KELLY-BROWN FOR A NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

DANIEL LUNN SERVICE CONNECTED\*  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO DENY THE ENTITLEMENT OF DANIEL LUNN FOR A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT, BUT APPROVE ENTITLEMENT TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **CONTINUED ENTITLEMENTS**

JENNIFER BUSSE CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF JENNIFER BUSSE FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORLANDO RAMIREZ CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF ORLANDO RAMIREZ FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

STEPHEN SULLIVAN CONT'D ENTITLEMENT  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF STEPHEN SULLIVAN FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MICHAEL ARDIZZONE CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF MICHAEL ARDIZZONE FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ROBERT CARRILLO CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF ROBERT CARRILLO FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

NAYDA CONCEPCION CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF NAYDA CONCEPCION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

JAMES GRONOWSKI CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF JAMES GRONOWSKI FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

TARA LEWIS CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF TARA LEWIS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLIFTON PERKINS CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF CLIFTON PERKINS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

KELLYE WOOD CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)  
DR. LIEDERS MOVED, SECONDED BY DR. OHENE, TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED ENTITLEMENT OF KELLYE WOOD FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Ohene to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 pm. Motion approved unanimously.