

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Friday, April 10, 2026

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, April 10, 2026, 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
Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.

ABSENT:

Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Sokpoleak So, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Nikolai Lieders, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Patrick Fairbanks, Retirement Services Division
Nabil Waheed, 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 9:19 am.

Pursuant to a request from Kevin Ahlquist, the review of his medial application was conducted during the public meeting. Before his application was discussed, Mr. Ahlquist 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. Mr. Ahlquist confirmed that he agreed to have his application considered in this way. Dr. Gerratana read a summary of the medical information submitted by Kevin Ahlquist. Mr. Ahlquist and his Attorney Russell Zimmerlin answered questions posed by staff of the Retirement Services Division staff and members of the Medical Examining Board.

Dr. Gerratana motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Nova, at 9:58 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 Willis McCaw appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:55 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:05 pm.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Scott McKenna appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:09 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:14 pm
3. Emil Serrano appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:15 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:21 pm.

Dr. Gerratana motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Zahedi at 1:31 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Kevin Ahlquist SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to deny the entitlement of Kevin Ahlquist for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Amanda Beane NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the entitlement of Amanda Beane for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Sandra Correa-Mena SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the entitlement of Sandra Correa-Mena for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Krystyna Dzierlatka SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the entitlement of Krystyna Dzierlatka for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

C.Lamar Fairley SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the entitlement of C.Lamar Fairley for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Alessandro Ferrari SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the entitlement of Alessandro Ferrari for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Gabriel Garcia SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to table the entitlement of Gabriel Garcia for a Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Caren Graves NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to deny the entitlement of Caren Graves for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Yaurimar Guaramato SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to table the entitlement of Yaurimar Guaramato for a Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Willis McCaw SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the entitlement of Willis McCaw for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Scott McKenna NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the entitlement of Scott McKenna for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Wayne Pencz NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to deny the entitlement of Wayne Pencz for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Emil Serrano SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the entitlement of Emil Serrano for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TIMOTHY ULIANO SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to deny the entitlement of TIMOTHY ULIANO for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Enid Valle SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to deny the entitlement of Enid Valle for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Antoinette Washington NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to deny the entitlement of Antoinette Washington for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously

Robert Whiteside SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the entitlement of Robert Whiteside for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Sophia Whyte NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to deny the entitlement of Sophia Whyte for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENTS

Patrick Eye Cont'd Entitlement

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the continued entitlement of Patrick Eye for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

Jose Fuentes Cont'd Entitlement

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the continued entitlement of Jose Fuentes for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

Shontel Harris Cont'd Entitlement

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to table the entitlement of Shontel Harris for a Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

Timothy Johnson Cont'd Entitlement

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the continued entitlement of Timothy Johnson for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

Thomas Quinlan Cont'd Entitlement

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the continued entitlement of Thomas Quinlan for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Mariusz Maloid CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the continued entitlement of Mariusz Maloid for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

Julie Smith CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Frank Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, to approve the continued entitlement of Julie Smith for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Gerratana moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 pm. Motion approved unanimously.