

MINUTES TO MEETING
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
Friday, August 7, 2026

A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, August 7, 2026, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. All Medical Examining Board meetings being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

ABSENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
Patrick Fairbanks, Retirement Services Division
Alexandra Cipolla, Retirement Services Division
Robin Kallor, 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 9:01 am.

Dr. Gerstenfeld motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Nova, at 9:03 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. Patrick Fairbanks and Alexandra Cipolla left the executive session at 11:17 am during the discussion regarding Cynthia Cassada and returned to the session at 12:04 pm. A brief break was taken

1. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Brenda Baerga appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:37 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:42 pm.
2. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Coy Clarke appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:43 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 12:56 pm.
3. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Richard Cunningham appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:56 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:05 pm.
4. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Dawn Londin-Agnifilo appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:06 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:17 pm.
5. Attorney Russell Zimmerlin and Marc Wilson appeared on Zoom before the Board at 1:17 pm. They made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 1:25 pm.

Dr. Gerstenfeld motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Nova at 1:28 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

BRENDA BAERGA SERVICE CONNECTED*

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the application to reclassify BRENDA BAERGA's retirement from a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement to a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NAOMI CALCANO SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of NAOMI CALCANO for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COY CLARKE SERVICE CONNECTED*

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the application to reclassify COY CLARKE's retirement from a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement to a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD CUNNINGHAM SERVICE CONNECTED*

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of RICHARD CUNNINGHAM for a Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

APRIL DOWNEY SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of APRIL DOWNEY for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LILLIAN GARCIA SERVICE CONNECTED*

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of LILLIAN GARCIA for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAMARIS HUERTAS NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of DAMARIS HUERTAS for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMAL JACKSON SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of JAMAL JACKSON for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUSAN KELLY NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the entitlement of SUSAN KELLY for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARC KEMP SERVICE CONNECTED*

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of MARC KEMP for a Service Connected Disability Retirement, but approve entitlement to Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAWN LONDIN-AGNIFILO SERVICE CONNECTED*

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of DAWN LONDIN-AGNIFILO for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARISOL LOPEZ-CASTRO NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the entitlement of MARISOL LOPEZ-CASTRO for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ELIZABETH LYNCH NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table the entitlement of ELIZABETH LYNCH for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEFANO MAURIELLO SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table the entitlement of STEFANO MAURIELLO for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARQUITA NELSON SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the entitlement of MARQUITA NELSON for a Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KELVIN NIX NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of KELVIN NIX for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved

JUSTIN OSWELL NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the entitlement of JUSTIN OSWELL for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CARMEN RODRIGUEZ NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the entitlement of CARMEN RODRIGUEZ for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOSEPH SAILOR NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of JOSEPH SAILOR for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ZOFIA TALANIEC NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the entitlement of ZOFIA TALANIEC for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTINE TUBIAK NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the entitlement of CHRISTINE TUBIAK for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TIFFANY WILKINSON NON-SVC CONNECTED

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table the entitlement of TIFFANY WILKINSON for a Non-Service Connected Disability Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CONTINUED ENTITLEMENTS

STEVEN BROMLEY CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the continued entitlement of STEVEN BROMLEY for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

CYNTHIA CASSADA CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table the continued entitlement of CYNTHIA CASSADA for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

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KERI CHENEY CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the continued entitlement of KERI CHENEY for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

YVETTE SAPP CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the continued entitlement of YVETTE SAPP for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

STEPHEN SOPKO CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the continued entitlement of STEPHEN SOPKO for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

MARC WILSON CONT'D ENTITLEMENT

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny the continued entitlement of MARC WILSON for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

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

MICHAEL SCHORK CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the continued entitlement of MICHAEL SCHORK for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA MAS CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the continued entitlement of LISA MAS for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

YECENIA NOWAK CONT'D ENTITLEMENT (SSD)

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve the continued entitlement of YECENIA NOWAK for Disability Retirement benefits. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Gerstenfeld moved, seconded by Dr. Nova to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 pm. Motion approved unanimously.