# MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on November 18, 2022, at the Office of the State Comptroller, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Connecticut, 06106. Circumstances created by the COVID-19 virus have resulted in all Medical Examining Board meetings are being conducted electronically.

PRESENT:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON Frank Gerratana, M.D. Poleak So, M.D

## ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.

Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.

Sachin Parekh, M.D.

Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.

Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.

Manny Katsetos, M.D.

Nicolai Lieders, M.D.

Sheldon Nova, M.D.

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

Richard Blum, M.D.

Fielding Johnson, M.D.

J. Robert Galvin, M.D.

Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

## OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division Melinda Powell, 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 meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Dr. Rudich motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 9:04 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

- 1. Irma Goyco-Burnhan and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom Before the Board at 11:40 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:50 am.
- 2. William Kenney and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:51 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:57 am.
- 3. Michael Vogt, Lori Vogt, and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:59 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:09 pm.

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Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerratana at 12:12 pm.

KEVIN AHLQUIST

D- 13468

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kevin Ahlquist's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**KERCY CHARLES** 

D- 13481

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Kercy Charles' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**KYLE CLEARY** 

MD- 1667

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Kyle Cleary's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LOIS CRAIG

D- 13450

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Lois Craig's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

**PAULA EDWARDS** 

D- 13432

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Paula Edwards' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER GARDNER

D- 13484

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Christopher Gardner's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER GEARHART

D- 13443

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Christopher Gearhart's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

IRMA GOYCO-BURNHAN

D-12931

SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Irma Goyco-Burnhan's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SANDRA GRIFFIN

D- 13446

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Sandra Griffin's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LATEFA HARVEY

D- 13268

CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Latefa Harvey's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MAYRA HOLBROOK

D-12859

CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Mayra Holbrook's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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WILLIAM KENNEY D- 12294 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to stand by the Board's previous decision to deny William Kenney's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EAN LIM D- 13445 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Ean Lim's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN MOORE D- 13465 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny John Moore's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLARA OGBAA D- 13460 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Clara Ogbaa's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARISOL PADIN-SANCHEZ D- 13369 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Marisol Padin-Sanchez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROCCO PAGLIARULO D- 13342 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Rocco Pagliarulo's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROSALIND PAYNE D- 13473 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Rosalind Payne's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WILFREDO RIVERA D- 13440 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Wilfredo Rivera's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JULIO RUIZ D- 13467 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Julio Ruiz's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLAUDETTE SANDS D- 13439 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Claudette Sands' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LESLIE SCHLEIPMAN D- 13472 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Leslie Schleipman's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PATRICIA STEIN D- 13441 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Patricia Stein's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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MARCIE TREMAGLIO D- 13434 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Marcie Tremaglio's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MAGDALENA VALENTINE-CAMPOS D- 13449 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Magdalena Valentine-Campos' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL VOGT D- 13003 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to deny Michael Vogt's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement if eligible. Motion approved unanimously.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 pm. Motion approved unanimously.