STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

MARCH 20, 2020 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:11 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Lynn Rudich, M.D.   Richard Blum, M.D.
Robert Galvin, M.D.

Also Present:
Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division
Annette Sadowski, Disability Retirement Division
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel, Rose Kallor
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division

Karen Vibert, LSR #00064

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(Proceeding convened at 9:11 a.m.)

DR. RUDICH: Okay. The March 20, 2020 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in session. I'm Dr. Lynn Rudich. We have Dr. Richard Blum, Dr. Robert Galvin. We have from the Retirement Services Division, Annette Sadlowski, and Colin Newman will be joining us. General counsel for the Retirement Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

I don't have any motions to change -- to amend the agenda. We are going to go into executive session.

I make a motion to go into executive session.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

DR. RUDICH: All in favor? Oh, sorry. Any discussion? All in favor? All opposed? Okay. I request that the members of the Retirement Services Division and counsel be allowed to remain.

(The Medical Examining Board went into executive session.)

DR. RUDICH: We are out of executive session. Okay. We are going to be voting on these applications.
So, I make a motion to approve the application for non-service-connected disability retirement of Keith Alleyne.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay the motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the application for non-service-connected disability retirement of Walter Altamirano.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

DR. GALVIN: We're going to deny, right?

DR. RUDICH: I made a motion to approve the application.

DR. GALVIN: No. It's denied. He's the guy with the prostate cancer.

MS. CIESLAK: Okay. So, in this situation, the vote has to go through; however, you know, we'll take a vote. If you're in favor of approving the motion with the description, say aye. Those opposed say nay.

DR. GALVIN: Nay.

MS. CIESLAK: We have three nays, so the motion failed. Dr. Rudich, if you would like to
make another motion.

DR. RUDICH: I would like to make a motion
to table the application for service-connected
disability of Jeffrey Babey.

DR. GALVIN: Wait a minute. What are we
doing? I'm lost on Altamirano.

MS. CIESLAK: There needs to be a motion
regarding Altamirano.

DR. RUDICH: I make -- should we do the
vote over?

MS. CIESLAK: Yes, because the motion was
to approve and it failed.

DR. GALVIN: So we need a motion to deny?

MS. CIESLAK: Correct.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the
application for non-service-connected disability
retirement of Walter Altamirano.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to table the
application for service-connected disability
retirement of Jeffrey Babey.

DR. GALVIN: Second.
MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the application for service-connected disability retirement of Michael Biehl.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the non-service-connected disability retirement of Kristyn Cappetta.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say NAY. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the application for service-connected disability of Karen Darna, but the Board would look favorably on non-service connection.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
the application for non-service-connected disability of Beverly Dixson.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the application for non-service-connected disability retirement of Ian Greaves.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the application for non-service-connected disability of Marie Guest.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the application for service-connected disability retirement of Sherry Hawk, but the Board would look favorably on non-service-connected disability.
1           DR. GALVIN:  Second.
2           MS. CIESLAK:  Any further discussion?
3 There being none, all in favor say aye.  Opposed say nay.  The motion passes.
4           DR. RUDICH:  I make a motion to approve
5 the application for non-service-connected disability
6 retirement of Erick James.
7           DR. GALVIN:  Second.
8           MS. CIESLAK:  Any further discussion?
9 There being none, all in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion masses.
10          DR. RUDICH:  I make a motion to approve
11 the application for non-service-connected disability
12 retirement of the Lynn Maille.
13          DR. GALVIN:  Second.
14          MS. CIESLAK:  Any further discussion?
15 There being none, all in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion passes.
16          DR. RUDICH:  I make a motion to approve
17 the application for non-service-connected disability
18 of W. Laurie Makowski.
19          DR. GALVIN:  Second.
20          MS. CIESLAK:  Any further discussion?
21          DR. GALVIN:  DR. BLUM:  Second.
22          MS. CIESLAK:  There being none, all in
favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the application for non-service-connected disability of Anthony Manzione.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the application for service-connected disability of Kevin Moran, but the Board would look favorably on non-service-connected disability.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the application for non-service-connected disability of Joyce Pellegrino.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the application for service-connected disability retirement of Gloria Ramos.

DR. BLUM: Second.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve the application for non-service-connected disability retirement of Susan Rancourt-Chapman.

DR. BLUM: Second.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

Hearing none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the application for service-connected disability retirement of Wanda Robinson, but the Board can look favorably on non-service connection.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to change to non-service-connected disability application of Hope Searles.

MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: What was the last name again?

DR. GALVIN: S-E-A-R-L-E-S.

DR. RUDICH: It's under new agenda.

DR. BLUM: She's what?

DR. GALVIN: She was an add-on to the agenda.

DR. RUDICH: It's a change from service to non-service-connection.

DR. BLUM: Is this Seinyan?

DR. GALVIN: No. We skipped over Seinyan.

Let's go back to that.


It's on the new agenda.

DR. BLUM: I don't have that.

MR. NEWMAN: It wasn't on the stuff that first came out, Dr. Blum.

MS. CIESLAK: She is one who the service-connected was denied, but the non-service,
the Board already said they would look favorably, so
she was a change to non-service.

DR. BLUM: I don't have that on my agenda.
I had a problem with duplicating the grid. I
couldn't duplicate it on my printer. So maybe,
Annette, you could make the grid when I pick up the
disc for the next -- on the 3rd. Is that possible?

MS. SADLOWSKI: Yes. I have a copy for
you.

DR. BLUM: Thank you.

DR. RUDICH: I made a motion.

MS. CIESLAK: The motion is on the table.

DR. GALVIN: Did we vote on Hope?

MS. CIESLAK: We haven't voted yet.

Dr. Rudich made the motion.

DR. GALVIN: I'll second it.

DR. BLUM: I'll second it, too.

MS. CIESLAK: All in favor say aye. All
opposed say nay. The motion passes. Thank you.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve
the application for non-service-connected disability
retirement of Malvina Seinyan.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? There being
none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay.
DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the application for service-connected-disability of Alan Stach.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to deny the application for non-service-connected disability retirement of Alan Stec.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? Hearing none, in all favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. GALVIN: We're going to ask, when I read it -- that case we're going to ask for current medical information.

DR. RUDICH: Correct. That's what we discussed, yeah.

DR. GALVIN: And maybe we'll be able to get it from (inaudible) because it's his primary care. He's probably not going to get the elective rheumatology appointment for a while, so we'll just deny him and I will put in my notes that
insufficient documentation of the malignant disease. 

Does that sound reasonable?

DR. RUDICH: Yes.

I make a motion to approve the application for non-service-connected disability of John Trovato.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn.

MS. SADLOWSKI: Before we adjourn, can I just ask one question? Anthony Manzione. What was the decision on him?

DR. RUDICH: We approved him.

DR. BLUM: It was approved, non-service.

MS. SADLOWSKI: Okay. That's what I had.

Thank you.

DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: All in favor say aye. We are adjourned. Thank you all for participating in
this meeting.
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COUNTY OF HARTFORD:

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Dated at Bristol, Connecticut,
this 30th day of April, 2020.

Karen Vibert, Notary Public
My commission expires:  08/31/2024.
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