MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on April 8, 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. Sheldon Nova, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.

Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.

Manny Katsetos, M.D.

Poleak So, M.D.

Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.

Nicolai Lieders, M.D.

Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

J. Robert Galvin, M.D.

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

Fielding Johnson, M.D.

Sachin Parekh, M.D.

Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Helfand, Assistant Director Retirement Division
Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division
Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division
Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement 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 meeting to order at 9:06 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. Nova at 9:07 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. Robert Helfand left at 10:00 am and returned at 10:25 am. There was a brief break at 11:31 am until 11:34 am.

- 1. James Conley, Jacqueline Conley, and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:38 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:51 am.
- 2. Linda Lee appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:51 am. She made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 11:53 am.

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- 3. Latoya Maia and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:53 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:02 pm.
- 4. Nicole Tyson appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:02 pm. She made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 12:04 pm.

Dr. Rosenberg motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Rudich at 12:10 pm.

THERESA BASKIN

D- 13359

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

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

BELKIS BORQUEZ

D- 13255

CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Belkis Borquez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT BROCKETT

MD- 1659

SERVICE-CONNECTED

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

JAMES CONLEY

D- 13009

SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

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

DEMIAN FONTANELLA

D-13387

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)

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

BARBARA GALLO

D- 13160

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (CONT'D)

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

DAWN HEMINGWAY

D-12078

CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Dawn Hemingway's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VINCENT LANTERI

D- 13391

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

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

LINDA LEE

D- 10317

SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)

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

LATOYA MAIA

D-13261

SERVICE-CONNECTED

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

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STEPHANIE MIDDLETON

D-13304

SERVICE-CONNECTED

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

SHARON MOYE-JOHNSON

D- 13349

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Sharon Moye-Johnson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JESSICA OLSON

D- 13198

SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Jessica Olson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUSAN PERRY

D- 13315

SERVICE-CONNECTED

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

WANDA ROBINSON

D- 12880

CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Wanda Robinson's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BERNARD SHARKEY

MD- 1651

SERVICE-CONNECTED

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

DEBORAH SILVA

D-13326

SERVICE-CONNECTED

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

BRIAN SOLEK

MD- 1655

SERVICE-CONNECTED

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

CHRISTOPHER SOUCIER

D-13215

SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to table Christopher Soucier's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NICOLE TYSON

D- 12981

SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Nova moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana, to approve Nicole Tyson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved by majority decision. Dr. Rudich abstains.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerratana to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 pm. Motion approved unanimously.