# MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, March 5, 2021, 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 Manny Katsetos, M.D. Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.

### ABSENT:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D.

Frank Gerratana, M.D.

Sachin Parekh, M.D.

J. Robert Galvin, M.D.

Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.

Eric T. Shore, M.D.

So Sokpoleak, M.D.

Richard Blum, M.D.

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

Sheldon Nova, M.D.

Fielding Johnson, M.D.

Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Services Division Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement 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 meeting to order at 9:07 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. Katsetos at 9:07 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. There was a brief break at 10:47 am until 10:52 am.

- 1. Jose Ayala and Attorney Michael Kerin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 10:52 am. Attorney Kerin made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:06 am.
- 2. Robert Erickson and Tammi Atkins, CEUI appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:09 am. Mr. Erickson made a statement and then they were excused by the Board at 11:18 am.
- 3. Katrina Ringgold and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:20 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:26 am.

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Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld at 11:27 am

JOSE AYALA D- 12576 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Jose Ayala's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES BORRICO MD- 1628 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny James Borrico's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JAMES CARR D- 13113 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve James Carr's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LAURA DANDRIDGE D- 13130 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Laura Dandridge's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA DOTY D- 13128 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gertenfeld, to deny Lisa Doty's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROBERT ERICKSON D- 13047 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny Robert Erickson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, but the Board would look favorable upon a Non-service connected disability. Motion approved unanimously.

COLLETTE FOOTE D- 12441 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to table Collette Foote's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TRUDY HAIG D- 13122 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny Trudy Haig's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JASON MASSAI D- 13125 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny Jason Massai's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, but the Board would look favorable upon a Non-service connected disability. Motion approved unanimously.

RENEE MEUCCI D- 13129 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Renee Meucci's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GEORGE MILLER D- 13114 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny George Miller's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KATRINA RINGGOLD D- 12165 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny Katrina Ringgold's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NANCY SLAYTON D- 12670 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Nancy Slayton's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TINA STEELE MD- 1629 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny Tina Steele's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DOREEN VAZQUEZ D- 13112 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to deny Doreen Vazquez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARY VELEZ-CLAY D- 13111 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Mary Velez-Clay's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL WHITE D- 13121 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Michael White's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KEVIN WOODARD D- 13118 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Katsetos, to approve Kevin Woodard's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 am. Motion approved unanimously.