A Meeting of the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, May 15, 2020, 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:
Nikolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Richard Blum, M.D.
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

ABSENT:
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Debra Pollack, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:
Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division
Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Division
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission Ford Harrison

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 9:02 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Blum at 9:02 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 10:36 am. until 10:46 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Shore at 10:46 am.

ANTHONY ARCARI                D- 12920                    NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Anthony Arcari's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HEIDI CARON                   D- 13000                    NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(POSTH.)
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Heidi Caron's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.
WILLIAM CASTELOT  D- 12893  NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve William Castelot’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL CLAY  D- 12887  NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Michael Clay’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JONATHAN COELHO  D- 13031  NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Jonathan Coelho’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTEN EMIGH  D- 12974  SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Kristen Emigh’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHARLES FREDERICK, JR.  D- 12922  NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Charles Frederick, Jr.’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

IRMA GOYCO-BURNHAN  D- 12931  SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Irma Goyco-Burnhan’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRENDA HOUDE  D- 12924  SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Brenda Houde’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ROSALIE LANDRY  D- 12755  CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Rosalie Landry’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHELLE LOPES  D- 12838  CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Michelle Lopes’ entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN MATTERA  D- 12934  SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve John Mattera’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ELIZABETH NIZIOLEK  D- 12921  NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Elizabeth Niziolek’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRENDA PIERCE  D- 12862  CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Brenda Pierce’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.
KRISTEN RAMETTA     D-12758   CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Kristen Rametta’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHRISTOPHER ROBERT    D-12941   SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Christopher Robert’s entitlement to Service Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

GEORGE RUDINAS        MD-1602   SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve George Rudinas’ entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANTHONY RYBARUK       MD-1611   SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Anthony Rybaruk’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUSAN SABELLA         D-12943   NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Susan Sabella’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DEBRA TULISANO        D-12926   SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Blum, to deny Debra Tulisano’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RAQUEL VELEZ          D-12903   SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Raquel Velez’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

REBECCA ZINKO         D-12968   NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Rebecca Zinko’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am. Motion approved unanimously.