MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on May 6, 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:

J. Robert Galvin, M.D., CHAIRPERSON Eric T. Shore, M.D. Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

ABSENT:

Frank Gerratana, M.D.

Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.

Manny Katsetos, M.D.

Poleak So, M.D.

Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.

Nicolai Lieders, M.D.

Lynn Rudich, M.D.

Richard Blum, M.D.

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

Fielding Johnson, M.D.

Sachin Parekh, M.D.

Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.

Sheldon Nova, 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
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 9:11 am.

Dr. Galvin motioned to go into the Executive Session to discuss medical condition(s) related to the applications for Disability Retirement, seconded by Dr. Zahedi at 9:18 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 11:14 am until 11:20 am.

- 1. John Blanchard and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:20 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:28 am.
- 2. Janet Jubrey and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:30 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:40 am.

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- 3. Cheryl Lewis appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:00 pm. She made a statement and then was excused by the Board at 12:04 pm.
- 4. Chris McManus and Attorney John Walsh appeared on Zoom before the Board at 12:06 pm. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 12:15 pm.

Dr. Galvin motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Zahedi at 12:18 pm.

JOHN BLANCHARD

D- 13139

SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve John Blanchard's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

FAUSTINO FLORES

D- 13371

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH.)

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Faustino Flores' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SAMUEL GIANPOALO

D-13324

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Samuel Gianpoalo's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUCY GILIBERTO

D- 13365

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to table Lucy Giliberto's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PAUL GROCHOWSKI

D- 13383

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (POSTH)

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Paul Grochowski's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DOUGLAS HENTON

MD- 1657

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Douglas Henton's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CLARENCE JONES

MD- 1658

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to table Clarence Jones' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JANET JUBREY

D- 12946

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to table Janet Jubrey's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHERYL LEWIS

D-13347

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to deny Cheryl Lewis' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THERESALIRETTE

D-13372

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Theresa Lirette's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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CHRIS McMANUS MD- 1633 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Chris McManus' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

PASQUALE MONTANA MD- 1660 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi, to approve Pasquale Montana's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DAVID RODRIGUEZ D- 13302 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve David Rodriguez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL SOLEMENE D- 13335 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Michael Solemene's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CEDRICATITUS D- 13339 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Cedrica Titus' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANTHONY VALENTI MD- 1656 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to Approve the entitlement of Anthony Valenti for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHAD WELLINGTON D- 13368 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Shore moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Chad Wellington's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Galvin moved, seconded by Dr. Zahedi to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm. Motion approved unanimously.