A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on Friday, September 11, 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:
Lynn Rudich, M.D., CHAIRPERSON
Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
So Sokpoleak, M.D. – In Observance

ABSENT:
J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Richard Blum, M.D.          Frank Gerratana, M.D.
Marianne Wudarsky, M.D.     Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.          Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Dr. Ralph Rosenberg         Nicolai Lieders, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.        Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.       Eric T. Shore, 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 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 9:05 am.
Dr. Rudich motioned, and Dr. Nova seconded to amend the agenda to:
Remove Debra Benson from Agenda at 9:07am.

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 9:08 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session.

1. Attorney Russell Zimberlin and Jacqueline Lawrence appeared before the Board at 10:19 am. Attorney Zimberlin a made statement and then they were excused by the Board at 10:23 am.
2. Attorney Justin Raymond appeared, on behalf of Calvin Johnson, before the Board at 11:05 am. He made a statement, and then was excused by the Board at 11:08 am.
Dr. Rudich motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Nova at 11:11 am.

EDWINA ANDERSON-TUNING    D- 12866    CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Edwina Anderson-Tuning's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

EUGENE BROWN             D- 12912    CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to approve Eugene Brown's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEPHEN BROWN            D- 12986    NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Stephen Brown's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BRUNO DELMONACO          D- 13016    CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Bruno Delmonaco's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RAYMOND DESPRES          D- 12972    SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfeld, to deny Raymond Despres' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NINA GIUSTINIANI         D- 12472    SERVICE-CONNECTED(CONT'D)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Nina Giustiniani's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

THOMAS GORR              MD- 1620    SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Thomas Gorr's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CALVIN JOHNSON           D- 12995    SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Calvin Johnson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon a Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KIMBERLEY KLINEFELTER    D- 13028    SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Kimberley Klinefelter's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JACQUELINE LAWRENCE      D- 12313    SERVICE-CONNECTED(RECONSIDERATION)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to stand by the Board’s previous decision to deny Jacqueline Lawrence’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KEVIN MORAN              D- 12890    CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Kevin Moran's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.
SEAN MORIARTY  MD- 1614  SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Sean Moriarty’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARIA OLIVEIRA  D- 12996  SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Maria Oliveira’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

WALDREN PHILLIPS  D- 12252  NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (cont’d)
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Waldren Phillips’ entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CAROLYN ROY  D- 12990  NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Carolyn Roy’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SUSAN TALBOT  D- 12861  CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Susan Talbot’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NICOLE TYSON  D- 12981  SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to deny Nicole Tyson’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LORI WALDEN  D- 12882  CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Lori Walden’s entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL WOOD  D- 13001  SERVICE-CONNECTED
Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova, to approve Michael Wood’s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Rudich moved, seconded by Dr. Nova to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am. Motion approved unanimously.