MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on September 24, 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:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON J. Robert Galvin, M.D. Michael Gerstenfield, M.D.

ABSENT:

Eric T. Shore, M.D.

Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.
Lynn Rudich, M.D.
Poleak So, M.D.
Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.
Manny Katsetos, M.D.
Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.
Sachin Parekh, M.D.
Fielding Johnson, M.D.
Richard Blum, M.D.
Sheldon Nova, M.D.
Frank Gerratana, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division Robert Helfand, 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 9:05 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. Gerstenfield 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 10:59 am until 11:06 am.

- 1. Linda Turgeon and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:08 am. They made statements and were excused by the Board at 11:14 am.
- 2. Tina Williams-Knight and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:15 am. They made statements and were excused by the Board at 11:21

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Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Gerstenfield at 11:33 am.

LAURIE BERNIER D- 13176 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Laurie Bernier's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NICHOLAS BERRIOS D- 13254 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Nicholas Berrios' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SAMUEL BLEIR D- 13256 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

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

ERICK BROWN D- 13213 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Erick Brown's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SCOTT CARIGNAN MD- 1646 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Scott Carignan's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

NANCY CHOYCE-LAROSA D- 12593 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Nancy Choyce-LaRosa's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEPHANIE CLAY D- 13240 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Stephanie Clay's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RICHARD DERISO D- 13260 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Richard DeRiso's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ZACHARY EDMONDS D- 13239 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Zachary Edmonds' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ANTHONY FAMA D- 12607 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Anthony Fama entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

BEULAH GARDNER D- 13042 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Beulah Gardner's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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PATTON JARRELL, JR. MD- 1647 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Patton Jarrell, Jr.'s entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CORELYN JUDGE D- 12919 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Corelyn Judge's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARIA KUSELIAS D- 13224 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Maria Kuselias' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

AMANDA LEROUX D- 13208 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to Approve the entitlement of Amanda Leroux for a Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

STEVEN MACSWEENEY D- 12578 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Steven MacSweeney's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ALEC MANDIA D- 13210 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Alec Mandia's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MARIA MARTINEZ D- 13242 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Maria Martinez's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN McMAHON MD- 1643 SERVICE CONNECTED

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

MARK MILUTIS D- 13231 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to table Mark Milutis' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DANIEL MURZIN D- 13249 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Daniel Murzin's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CHANTAL POULIN D- 13204 SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Chantal Poulin's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

JOHN REYNOLDS D- 13184 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve John Reynolds' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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JESSICA STEFANOWICZ

D- 13229

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED(POSTH.)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to table Jessica Stefanowicz's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LINDATURGEON

D- 12778

SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to deny Linda Turgeon's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement, however the Board would look favorably upon Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TINA WILLIAMS-KNIGHT

D- 10385

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin, to approve Tina Williams-Knight's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Galvin to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am. Motion approved unanimously.