MINUTES TO MEETING STATE OF CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

A Meeting to the Medical Examining Board was held on September 9, 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:

Nicolai Lieders, M.D., CHAIRPERSON Eric T. Shore, M.D. Sheldon Nova, M.D.

ABSENT:

Frank Gerratana, M.D.

Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.

Sachin Parekh, M.D.

Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.

Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.

Manny Katsetos, M.D.

Poleak So, M.D.

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

Lynn Rudich, M.D.

Richard Blum, M.D.

Fielding Johnson, M.D.

J. Robert Galvin, M.D.

Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division Robert Helfand, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services 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 9:08 am. Dr. Lieders motioned, and Dr. Nova seconded to amend the agenda to: Add Mark Brown at 9:09 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. Shore at 9:10 am. Members of the Retirement Services Division and the General Counsel to the Commission were invited to stay during Executive Session. Dr. Lieders motioned, seconded by Dr. Shore for a brief break at 11:56 am until 12:00 pm.

 My-Linh Jones, Scott Jones and Attorney Russell Zimberlin appeared on Zoom before the Board at 9:45 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 9:53 am.

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2. OnaMay Sikeris-Slauson and Attorney Justin Raymond appeared on Zoom before the Board at 11:44 am. They made statements and then they were excused by the Board at 11:52 am.

Dr. Lieders motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Nova at 12:02 pm.

MARK BROWN D- 13352 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

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

SHARON BROWN D- 13407 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to table Sharon Brown's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DENISE BYSTREK D- 13385 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Denise Bystrek's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

CYNTHIA CASSADA D- 13490 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Cynthia Cassada's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

DONALD CHAFFEE D- 13396 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Donald Chaffee's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA CLOUD D- 13408 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Lisa Cloud's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LURMAN COLON D- 13392 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Lurman Colon's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

SEAN CRAWFORD MD- 1662 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to table Sean Crawford's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LOUIS GAEDT D- 13393 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Louis Gaedt's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHAEL GEORGETTI D- 13388 SERVICE-CONNECTED

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

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JEFFREY HASKELL D- 13344 SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Jeffrey Haskell's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TRACIE HERNANDEZ D- 13325 CHANGE TO NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Tracie Hernandez's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

KRISTEN HEYWARD-MILLER D- 13405 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to deny Kristen Heyward-Miller's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LUKE JENNE D- 13384 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Luke Jenne's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MYLINH LE-JONES D- 12230 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Mylinh Le-Jones' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

TERRI MARSHALL D- 13395 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Terri Marshall's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

HOLLY MAURICE D- 13394 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Holly Maurice's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

COLEN MOORE D- 12733 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to table Colen Moore's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

RACHEL REYNOLDS D- 13414 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

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

SAMUEL ROSARIO D- 13397 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

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

MATTHEW SAVITSKY D- 13374 NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Matthew Savitsky's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ONAMAY SIKERIS-SLAUSON MD- 1561 SERVICE-CONNECTED (RECONSIDERATION)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve OnaMay Sikeris-Slauson's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

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CHRISTOPHER SOUCIER

D- 13215

SERVICE-CONNECTED (CONT'D)

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Christopher Soucier's entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

LISA TANGUAY

D- 13403

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Lisa Tanguay's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VIVIAN VALENCIA

D- 13463

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Vivian Valencia's entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

MICHELLE VILTRAKIS

D- 13390

SERVICE-CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Michelle Viltrakis' entitlement to Service-Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

VICTORIA WIGGS

D- 13409

NON-SERVICE CONNECTED

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Shore, to approve Victoria Wiggs' entitlement to Non-Service Connected Retirement. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Lieders moved, seconded by Dr. Nova to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 pm. Motion approved unanimously.