STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

October 23, 2020 MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM CONVENED AT 9:05 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Nikolai Lieders, M.D. Lynn Rudich, M.D. Eric Shore, M.D.

Also Present:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel, Rose Kallor

Karen Vibert, LSR #00064

- 1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:05 a.m.)
- 2 DR. LIEDERS: The October 23rd meeting of
- 3 the Medical Examining Board is now in session.
- 4 I'm Dr. Lieders. Present are
- 5 Dr. Shore, Dr. Rudich, and members of the Office of
- 6 the state Comptroller Retirement Division,
- 7 Annette Sadlowski, Mr. Colin Newman, and the general
- 8 counsel for the Retirement Commission,
- 9 Cindy Cieslak.
- 10 We have the agenda. It appears there
- 11 are no amendments to the agenda.
- I will make a motion for us to go
- 13 into executive session.
- DR. RUDICH: Second the motion.
- DR. LIEDERS: Any discussion? All in
- 16 favor say aye. All opposed say nay. Motion passes.
- 17 I'm going to ask the members of the Retirement
- 18 Services Division plus general counsel to be with us
- 19 during this executive session.
- 20 (The Board was in executive session from
- 21 9:06 a.m. until 10:47 a.m.)
- 22 DR. LIEDERS: Cindy, we'll do the same?
- 23 I'll make a motion, you'll do the rest?
- 24 MS. CIESLAK: Sure. I am happy to assist
- 25 with the procedural aspects of the motions. As a

- 1 reminder, Dr. Lieders, when you make your motions,
- 2 you can state your name and then whoever seconds the
- 3 motion, if you could state your name as well.
- DR. LIEDERS: Well, I will be making the
- 5 motions for all of them.
- 6 MS. CIESLAK: That's fine.
- 7 DR. LIEDERS: So we're going to invite
- 8 Attorney Zimberlin?
- 9 MS. CIESLAK: Attorney Zimberlin is no
- 10 longer in the waiting room, so everyone is here and
- 11 the recording is on. You are ready to go.
- DR. LIEDERS: Okay. I'm going to be
- 13 making a motion for all these the cases today.
- So, I make a motion to approve
- 15 Angela Adams' application for continuation of
- 16 service-connected disability retirement.
- DR. RUDICH: Second.
- MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 19 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion
- 20 passes.
- 21 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 22 approve continuation of the disability retirement
- 23 for Robert Atkins, service-connected disability
- 24 retirement.
- DR. SHORE: Second.

- 1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 2 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 3 passes.
- 4 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 5 approve Edward Almonte's application for
- 6 continuation of benefits, service-connection
- 7 disability retirement.
- 8 DR. RUDICH: Second.
- 9 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 10 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 11 passes.
- DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 13 approve Margaret Cooke's application for
- 14 continuation of disability retirement benefits.
- 15 It's a non-service disability retirement.
- DR. SHORE: Second.
- 17 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 18 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 19 passes.
- 20 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to table
- 21 Jayson Delgado's application for continuation of
- 22 disability benefits. It's service connected.
- DR. RUDICH: Second.
- MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 25 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

- 1 passes.
- DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to table
- 3 Kyle Dunn's application for continuation of
- 4 disability benefits. It's non-service connected.
- DR. SHORE: Second.
- 6 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 7 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 8 passes.
- 9 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 10 approve Virginia Feliciano's application for
- 11 continuation of disability benefits. It's a
- 12 service-connected case.
- DR. RUDICH: Second.
- 14 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 15 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 16 passes.
- 17 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 18 approve Jeffrey Hoffkins' application for
- 19 continuation of disability benefits. It's a
- 20 service-connected case.
- DR. SHORE: Second.
- MS. CIESLAK: It sounded like the motion
- 23 was seconded by Dr. Shore.
- 24 Any further discussion? All in favor
- 25 say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

- 1 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 2 approve Cathie Keeler's application for continuation
- 3 of disability benefits. It's a service-connected
- 4 case.
- 5 DR. RUDICH: Second.
- 6 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 7 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 8 passes.
- 9 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
- 10 Christopher Matherne's application for continuation
- 11 of disability benefits, a service-connected case.
- DR. SHORE: Second.
- MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 14 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 15 passes.
- DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
- 17 Marc Morgan's application for continuation of
- 18 disability benefits. Again, a service-connected
- 19 case.
- DR. RUDICH: Second.
- 21 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 22 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 23 passes.
- 24 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
- 25 Greg Murdy's application for continuation of

- 1 benefits. It's a service-connected case.
- DR. RUDICH: Second.
- 3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 4 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 5 passes.
- 6 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 7 approve Katrina Navarro's application for
- 8 continuation of disability benefits, a
- 9 non-service-connected case.
- 10 DR. RUDICH: Second.
- 11 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 12 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 13 passes.
- DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 15 approve Cynthia Palermo's application for
- 16 continuation of benefits, disability benefits.
- 17 Again, it's a non-service-connected case.
- DR. SHORE: Second.
- 19 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 20 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 21 passes.
- DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 23 approve John Roth's application for continuation of
- 24 disability benefits, a service-connected case.
- DR. RUDICH: Second.

- 1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 2 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 3 passes.
- 4 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 5 approve Stephen Santoro's case, an application for
- 6 continuation of disability benefits, a
- 7 non-service-connected case.
- B DR. SHORE: Second.
- 9 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 10 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 11 passes.
- DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
- 13 approve Yvette Smith's application for continuation
- 14 of disability benefits. Again, it's a
- 15 non-service-connected case.
- DR. RUDICH: Second.
- 17 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All
- 18 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
- 19 passes.
- 20 DR. LIEDERS: I will make a motion to
- 21 approve continued entitled for the following people.
- 22 This is pursuant to the memorandum of understanding
- 23 of August 6, 2015. I'm going to list the names.
- 24 I'm going to make a motion to approve all of them.
- 25 Rhonda Buchmeier, Donna Cahill,

- 1 Eugene Casivant, Glen Charette, Karen Darna,
- 2 Pamela Foster, Heather Frost, David Goodwin,
- 3 Jeffrey Hutchinson, Patricia Inman,
- 4 Joseph Innamorato, Heather Insul and Dwight Judy.
- 5 Any second?
- 6 DR. SHORE: Second.
- 7 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
- 8 Dr. Lieders, do you have a second
- 9 page to your list there?
- 10 DR. LIEDERS: Do I have a what?
- 11 MS. CIESLAK: A second page to your list.
- DR. RUDICH: It's a second column.
- DR. SHORE: A second column I have, with
- 14 Katz.
- DR. LIEDERS: Oh, I'm sorry. I missed
- 16 that. Yes, I missed that because the way it was --
- 17 the way was printed, I couldn't bring the whole
- 18 thing, it looks like.
- 19 All right. Continuing, I make a
- 20 motion to approve the other -- the rest of the names
- 21 that I didn't mention.
- 22 Leonard Katz, Ronald Kneeland,
- 23 Regina Knox-Williams, Brett MacNamara,
- 24 Erica Manning, John Morell, Nesim Muchollari,
- 25 Allison Pikiell, Doreen St. George, Frank Stella,

- 1 Lisa Stillwell, John Trovato, Marilyn Williams, and
- 2 Karen Workman.
- 3 DR. RUDICH: Second.
- 4 MS. CIESLAK: The original motion was
- 5 actually seconded by Dr. Shore, so Dr. Shore would
- 6 need to accept that as a friendly amendment.
- 7 DR. SHORE: I accept that.
- 8 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
- 9 I actually do have further
- 10 discussion.
- 11 Annette, Dr. Lieders mentioned a
- 12 Frank Stella, who doesn't appear to be on my list.
- 13 I just want to make sure he should be included in
- 14 this motion.
- DR. RUDICH: He is on my list.
- MS. SADLOWSKI: I'm sorry. What was the
- 17 name again?
- 18 MS. CIESLAK: Frank Stella.
- MS. SADLOWSKI: I don't see him on my
- 20 list, no.
- MS. CIESLAK: Okay.
- DR. LIEDERS: I have on my list.
- 23 Dr. Rudich has.
- 24 DR. RUDICH: He's on the spreadsheet list;
- 25 but, not on the --

- 1 MS. SADLOWSKI: Do you want me to check
- 2 that?
- 3 DR. RUDICH: -- on the agenda.
- 4 MS. CIESLAK: Because he's not on the
- 5 agenda, I would recommend that Dr. Lieders amend his
- 6 motion to remove Frank Stella from the list.
- 7 DR. LIEDERS: I make a move to remove
- 8 Frank Stella's name from the original motion.
- 9 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Shore, do you accept
- 10 that as well?
- 11 DR. SHORE: I second that. I accept it.
- MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
- 13 There being none, all in favor say
- 14 aye? Any opposed say nay. The motion passes.
- DR. LIEDERS: Before we adjourn, I will
- 16 ask Ms. Sadlowski, if she can, when she emails this
- 17 spreadsheet, if she can do it in a PDF. I don't
- 18 have Microsoft Word. I usually get it in Microsoft
- 19 Word and it becomes very difficult for me to open
- 20 it. If she could do PDF.
- 21 MS. SADLOWSKI: I did try to send that to
- 22 you in a PDF this morning. Did you receive that?
- 23 DR. LIEDERS: No. I don't know. Maybe.
- 24 Okay.
- 25 MS. SADLOWSKI: In the future, I will do

- 1 that for you.
- DR. LIEDERS: Yes, please. Thank you.
- 3 Do we have any further business to
- 4 transact today?
- DR. SHORE: I just want to confirm,
- 6 because I haven't been here for a while. Lynn,
- 7 you're going to get the reports?
- 8 DR. RUDICH: Yes.
- 9 DR. SHORE: I'll email them to you, or do
- 10 they go in Google Share?
- DR. RUDICH: However you want to get them.
- DR. SHORE: I have your email. It's a
- 13 Gmail account?
- DR. RUDICH: Right.
- DR. LIEDERS: Well, if we don't have any
- 16 further additional items for discussion, I'll make a
- 17 motion to adjourn today's meeting.
- DR. RUDICH: Second the motion.
- 19 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. Any discussion?
- 20 All in favor say aye. We are adjourned.
- 21 (Concluded at 10:59 am.

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4	I, Karen Vibert, LSR No. 00064, a	
5	Notary Public for the State of Connecticut, do hereby	
6	certify that the preceding pages are an accurate	
7	transcription of the Connecticut Medical Examining	
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9	convening at 9:05 a.m., on October 23, 2020.	
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25	Karen Vibert, Notary Public My commission expires: 08/31/2024	

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