

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

DECEMBER 18, 2020 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:07 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Nikolai Lieders
Dr. Poleak So
Dr. Richard Blum

Also Present:

Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division
Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division
Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division
William Cassada, Retirement Services Committee
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Retirement
Commission, Rose Kallor
Linda Cicarella

Court Reporter: Karen Vibert

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:07 a.m.)

2 DR. LIEDERS: So the meeting will come to
3 order. The December 18th of 2020 meeting of the
4 Medical Examining Board is now in session. My name
5 is Dr. Lieders. Present are also Dr. Blum and
6 Dr. So. Welcome to the Medical Examining Board,
7 Doctor.

8 Present from the Office of the State
9 Comptroller's Retirement Services Division are
10 Mr. Colin Newman, Ms. Annette Sadlowski,
11 Mr. Robert Helfand and Mr. William Cassada, as well
12 as general counsel for the Retirement Services
13 Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

14 I guess we don't have any changes, no
15 amendments to the agenda, so, we might as well as go
16 into executive session.

17 I'm going to make a motion for us to
18 go into executive session.

19 DR. BLUM: Second the motion.

20 DR. LIEDERS: Is there any discussion?
21 All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. Motion
22 passes. So we are in executive session now.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Lieders, before I stop
24 the recording for executive session, can you confirm
25 that your motion included to invite Mr. Cassada,

1 Mr. Newman, Ms. Sadlowski, Mr. Helfand and myself
2 into executive session?

3 DR. LIEDERS: Sorry about that. Yes,
4 please join the executive meeting, all of the people
5 that Ms. Cindy Cieslak mentioned.

6 The Board was in executive session from
7 9:08 a.m. until 12:39 p.m.)

8 MS. CIESLAK: Good afternoon, the Medical
9 Examining Board is back in public session.

10 DR. LIEDERS: So the Board will be making
11 determinations and voting on those determinations;
12 but, I would like to remind members that only the
13 final vote will be given today and not the reasons
14 for the vote. In some instances there may not have
15 been enough medical information to make a
16 determination, or perhaps a non-service-connected
17 disability is more likely than a service-connected
18 disability.

19 You may seek reconsideration of an
20 initial denial. You will receive the Board's
21 written determination within two to four weeks,
22 which will then provide you with additional
23 information.

24 So, proceeding to voting, I make a
25 motion to approve Kristopher Breen's application for

1 service-connected disability retirement.

2 DR. BLUM: Second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

4 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
5 say nay. The motion passes.

6 DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve
7 Anne Carey's application for service-connected
8 disability retirement.

9 DR. BLUM: Second.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

11 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
12 say nay. The motion passes.

13 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
14 Eugene Casivant's application for service-connected
15 disability retirement; however, the Board will look
16 favorably upon a non-service-connected disability
17 retirement.

18 DR. BLUM: Second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

20 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
21 say nay. The motion passes.

22 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
23 Linda Cicarella's application for service-connected
24 disability retirement; however, the Board will look
25 favorably upon a non-service-connected disability

1 retirement.

2 DR. BLUM: Second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

4 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
5 say nay. The motion passes.

6 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
7 Wanda Doiron's application for service-connected
8 disability retirement; however, the Board would look
9 favorably upon a non-service-connected disability
10 retirement.

11 DR. BLUM: Second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

13 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
14 say nay. The motion passes.

15 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
16 Linda Gabianelli's application for
17 non-service-connected disability retirement.

18 DR. SO: Second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

20 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
21 say nay. The motion passes.

22 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
23 Deborah Jett-Harris' application for
24 service-connected disability retirement; however,
25 the Board would look favorably upon a

1 non-service-connected disability retirement.

2 DR. BLUM: Second.

3 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

4 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed

5 nay say nay. The motion passes.

6 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to

7 approve William Julian's application for

8 service-connected disability retirement.

9 DR. SO: Second.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

11 in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion

12 passes.

13 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to

14 approve Christopher Kelly's request to change to

15 non-service-connected disability -- from service to

16 non-service-connected disability retirement.

17 MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

18 DR. BLUM: Second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? There being

20 none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay.

21 The motion passes.

22 DR. LIEDERS: I'll lake a motion to

23 approve Debra Leggo's application for

24 non-service-connected disability retirement.

25 DR. BLUM: Second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
2 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
3 say nay. The motion passes.

4 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
5 Irene Marquis' application for service-connected
6 disability retirement; however, the Board would look
7 favorably on a non-service-connected disability
8 retirement.

9 DR. BLUM: Second.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
11 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
12 say nay. The motion passes.

13 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
14 approve Tracey Marquis' application for
15 non-service-connected disability retirement.

16 DR. BLUM: Second.

17 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
18 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
19 say nay. The motion passes.

20 Q I'll make a motion to approve
21 Joseph Moore's application for service-connected
22 disability retirement.

23 DR. BLUM: Second.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
25 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed

1 say nay. The motion passes.

2 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to --
3 just a clarification. On Joseph Moore's, the motion
4 passes three to none? Unanimous?

5 DR. BLUM: It was two to one.

6 MS. CIESLAK: So the record will reflect
7 Dr. So's nay.

8 DR. SO: Oh, I had to say nay?

9 MS. CIESLAK: Yes. If you do not agree
10 with the motion, you would say nay.

11 DR. SO: Okay. Nay.

12 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
13 approve Nikol Morrissey's application for
14 non-service-connected disability retirement.

15 DR. BLUM: Second.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? There being
17 none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay.
18 The motion passes.

19 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to table
20 Julie Randino's application for
21 non-service-connected disability retirement.

22 DR. BLUM: Second.

23 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
24 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
25 say nay. The motion passes.

1 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
2 approve Annmarie Rankins' application for
3 non-service-connected disability retirement.

4 DR. BLUM: Second.

5 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
6 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
7 say nay. The motion passes.

8 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
9 Thomas Rice's application for non-service-connected
10 disability retirement.

11 DR. BLUM: Second.

12 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
13 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
14 say nay. The motion passes.

15 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
16 approve Linda Rodriguez's application for
17 non-service-connected disability retirement.

18 DR. BLUM: Second.

19 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
20 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
21 say nay. The motion passes.

22 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
23 Christopher St. Jacques' application for
24 service-connected disability retirement.

25 DR. BLUM: Second.

1 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
2 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
3 say nay. The motion passes.

4 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
5 approve Lisa Sullivan's application for
6 non-service-connected disability retirement.

7 DR. BLUM: Second.

8 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
9 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
10 say nay. The motion passes.

11 DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to deny
12 Robert Wilson's application for
13 non-service-connected disability retirement.

14 DR. SO: Second.

15 MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?
16 There being none, all in favor say aye. All opposed
17 say nay. The motion passes.

18 DR. LIEDERS: And finally, I make a motion
19 to approve Dean Wojcik's application for
20 service-connected disability retirement.

21 DR. BLUM: Second. Any discussion? There
22 being none, all in favor say aye. Was there
23 discussion? No discussion? All in favor say aye.
24 All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

25 DR. LIEDERS: Do we have any pending

1 business we before we adjourn the meeting, today'
2 meeting?

3 MS. CIESLAK: I think we can probably
4 adjourn. I know when we go off the record, Dr. So
5 probably needs the address of who to send his
6 reports to; but, your email address will be off the
7 record.

8 DR. LIEDERS: So I make a motion to
9 adjourn.

10 MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Lieders, my audio cut
11 out. Was that a motion to adjourn?

12 DR. LIEDERS: Yes, I make a motion to
13 adjourn today's meeting.

14 DR. BLUM: Second.

15 MS. CIESLAK: All in favor say aye.

16 All right, we are adjourned.

17 DR. LIEDERS: Thank you very much,
18 everybody. Have a nice week.

19 (Concluded at 12:50 p.m.)
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1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT:
: ss: Bristol
2 COUNTY OF HARTFORD :

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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 State Employees
8 Retirement Commission Medical Examining Board meeting
9 held electronically via Zoom, convening at 9:07 a.m.,
10 on December 18, 2020.

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12 Dated at Bristol, Connecticut,
13 this 31st day of December, 2020.

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25 Karen Vibert, Notary Public
My commission expires: 08/31/2024.

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