STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

APRIL 17, 2020 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:06 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Nikolia Lieders, M.D., Co-Chairperson
Lynn Rudich, M.D., Co-Chairperson
Eric T. Shore, M.D.

Also Present:
Colin Newman, Assistant Director, Retirement Division
Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Division
Faith Murray, Investigation and Recovery Unit
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel, Rose Kallor

Karen Vibert, LSR #00064

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(Proceeding convened at 9:06 a.m.)

DR. LIEDERS: The April 17, 2020 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in session. I don't have to explain how we're going to proceed, do I? We just -- why don't I make a motion for us to go into executive -- oh, first of all, actually, I have to make a motion to amend today's agenda to include the following people: Nicole Donzello, Michael Klimentos and Kelly Zeitel, a/k/a Shubert. I make a motion to amend the agenda.

DR. RUDICH: Second it.

DR. LIEDERS: Any discussion?

Everybody --

DR. SHORE: Approve?

DR. LIEDERS: Yes. If you approve the motion, say aye. Anybody opposed to the motion say nay. Motion passed. So we amend the agenda. So, I make --

MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Lieders, we also need to -- I know it seems silly, but we need to make a motion to amend the agenda and list off everyone who's actually on the agenda.

DR. LIEDERS: I thought I did that. I did before the --

MS. CIESLAK: You did the three people
that were added.

   DR. LIEDERS: Yes. I thought I listed them. I gave you -- I said their names.

   MR. NEWMAN: No. You have to -- what Cindy is saying is because we have to amend the agenda, because of the fact it wasn't posted in a timely fashion, you have to amend it by reading all the names that are on the agenda.

   MS. CIESLAK: Beginning with Nancy Abbott all the way to --

   DR. LIEDERS: You mean not only those three?

   DR. SHORE: Right. Everybody that's on the agenda.

   DR. LIEDERS: Oh, everybody. I see.

   Okay. Sorry.

   Then I've got to make a motion again and cancel that previous motion?

   MS. CIESLAK: No. You can just make another motion and list everyone from Nancy Abbott all the way to Lorri Wilson.

   DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to read all the names on today's agenda. April 17, 2020.

   Any discussion? No. Everybody approve, say aye.

   Opposed say nay. The motion passes. I'm going to
read names of all of the people that we're going to be discussing today. Nancy Abbott, Marisol Ayala, Sandra Boyle, Karla Carey, Brenda Carneiro-White, Kathleen Dempsey, Deborah Eason, Cassandra Ferguson, Judith Finch, Marie Gonera, Brian Halibozek, Ebone Kearse, Patricia Lee, Michael Lewin, Donald Lorusso, Stacey Szymczak, Margaret Teubner, Paula Waite, Quanica Willis, Lorri Wilson, Nicole Donzello, Michael Klimentos and Kelly Zeitel, a/k/a Shubert. I'm going to ask -- I'm going to make a motion for us to go into executive session.

DR. RUDICH: Second the motion.

DR. LIEDERS: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. Motion approved. So we'll go into executive session, and I'm going to ask that Cindy Cieslak, Colin Newman and Annette Sadowski participate in the meeting, attend the meeting as well, while we are in executive session.

MR. NEWMAN: And Faith Murray.

DR. LIEDERS: Is she going to be here?

MR. NEWMAN: This is Colin. You're also going to include Faith Murray.

DR. LIEDERS: Faith Murray. I haven't heard from her. Okay. Include Faith Murray as
well.

MS. CIESLAK: She can hear us. We just can't hear her, and she's going to try to log in again. So she is included, and she'll be joining us.

(The Board went into executive session from 10:28 a.m. until 11:19 a.m.)

DR. LIEDERS: So we may now proceed to vote on those decisions. And I would ask, Cindy, can you help us in doing that?

MS. CIESLAK: Of course.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve -- it's all continuation, so I'm not going to repeat the fact is it's a continuation of entitlement to disability retirement.

So I make a motion to approve Nancy Abbott's application.

DR. RUDICH: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve Marisol Ayala's application.

DR. RUDICH: Second the motion.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion
passes. I make a motion to table Sandra Boyle's application.

DR. SHORE: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve Karla Carey's application.

DR. SHORE: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to table Brenda Carneiro-White's application.

DR. SHORE: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to table Kathleen Dempsey's application.

DR. SHORE: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.
Deborah Eason's application.

DR. RUDICH:  Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion?  All in favor say.  All opposed say nay.  The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS:  I make a motion to approve Cassandra Ferguson's application.

DR. RUDICH:  Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion?  All in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS:  I make a motion to approve Judith Finch's application.

DR. RUDICH:  Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion?  All in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS:  I make a motion to approve Marie Gonera's application.

DR. SHORE:  Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion?  All in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS:  I make a motion to approve Brian Halibozek's application.

DR. SHORE:  Second.
MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to approve Ebene Kearse's application.

DR. RUDICH: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to table Patricia Lee's application.

DR. SHORE: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve Michael Lewin's application.

DR. RUDICH: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve Donald Lorusso's application.

DR. SHORE: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in
favor say aye. All opposed nay. The motion passes.

   DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve

Sheila Mayo-Brown's application.

   DR. RUDICH: Second.

   MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in

favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

passes.

   DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve

Charles Oxley's application.

   DR. RUDICH: Second.

   MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in

favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

passes.

   DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve

Jacqueline Pittman's application.

   DR. SHORE: Second.

   MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in

favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

passes.

   DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve

Doris Poeta's application.

   DR. RUDICH: Second.

   MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in

favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

passes.
DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve Clare Rheiner's application.

DR. RUDICH: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a notion approve Nora Suminski's application.

DR. RUDICH: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve Stacey Szymczak's application.

DR. RUDICH: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a most to approve Margaret Teubner's application.

DR. SHORE: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I'll make a motion to
approve Paula Waite's application.

DR. RUDICH:  Second.

MS. CIESLAK:  Any discussion?  All in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS:  I make a motion to approve Quanica Willis' application.

DR. RUDICH:  Second.

MS. CIESLAK:  Any discussion?  All in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS:  I make a motion to approve Lorri Wilson's application.

DR. RUDICH:  Second.

MS. CIESLAK:  Any discussion?  All in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS:  I make a motion to approve Nicole Donzello's application.

DR. RUDICH:  Second.

DR. LIEDERS:  Actually, yes, it's continued entitlement pursuant to that memorandum of understanding of 2015.  So, we have a second.

MS. CIESLAK:  Any discussion?  All in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion
passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve
Michael Klimentos' application.

DR. RUDICH: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: I make a motion to approve
Kelly Zeitel's application.

DR. RUDICH: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. LIEDERS: Before we end the meeting,
I'm going to ask Dr. Rudich: Are you going to do the write-ups?

DR. RUDICH: Yes, I'll do that.

DR. LIEDERS: Any further business? Any additional business?

DR. RUDICH: What is the -- is there a plan for reopening or is that like ridiculous?

MR. NEWMAN: Sorry. We haven't been told anything right now. I think that was subject to the governor's most recent decision to keep the shelter in place at least until -- if I'm -- I think I'm
correct on this saying. They're saying it's like
May 20th. And obviously, if we hear differently, you
know, we would advise you, but right now, as far as I
know, we're still out until at least May 20th.

DR. RUDICH: Okay. That means the courts
are closed? Like I don't have jury duty?

MS. CIESLAK: Courts are not closed, but
jury duty has been canceled. Trials have been
canceled. Anything that really involves the public
has been canceled. They are starting to hold some
hearings via Zoom and other platforms, and they are
still handling Priority 1 cases, which are the cases
that can't wait for COVID, you know, family matters,
juvenile matters, things like that. If you go to
jud.ct.gov, there's a notice right at the top that
says, "All jury duty is canceled for the foreseeable
future."

DR. RUDICH: There's a silver lining.

DR. LIEDERS: All right. So should I make
a motion to adjourn today's meeting?

DR. RUDICH: Second.

DR. LIEDERS: Any discussion? All in
favor say aye.

MS. CIESLAK: All right. We're adjourned.

(Concluded at 11:29 a.m.)
STATE OF CONNECTICUT:
: ss: Bristol
COUNTY OF HARTFORD:

I, Karen Vibert, LSR No. 00064, a Notary Public for the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the preceding pages are an accurate transcription of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board regular meeting held electronically via Zoom, convening at 9:06 a.m., on April 17, 2020.

Dated at Bristol, Connecticut,
this day of May, 2020.

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