AUGUST 21, 2020 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:01 a.m.

Board Members Present:
J. Robert Galvin, M.D., Chairperson
Richard Blum, M.D.
Marianne Wudarsky, M.D.

In observance:
Ralph Rosenberg, M.D.

Also Present:
Colin Newman, Assistant Director, Retirement Division
Annette Sadowski, Disability Retirement Division
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel, Rose Kallor

Karen Vibert, LSR #00064
(Meeting commenced at 9:01 a.m.)

DR. GALVIN: The August 21, 2020 meeting of the Medical Examining Board is now in session.

I'm Dr. Robert Galvin. I am the chairperson for this meeting. I will be ably assisted by Dr. Richard Blum and Dr. Marianne Wudarsky. Present from the office of the State Comptroller Retirement Services Division are Annette Sadlowski and Colin Newman, and in observance -- an observer of the Medical Examining Board meeting, a new member, Dr. Ralph Rosenberg, and also general counsel for the Retirement Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

There no motions to amend the agenda, so I will now suggest -- make a motion for the Board to go into executive session. I need a second on that.

DR. BLUM: Second.

DR. GALVIN: I request that the members of the Retirement Service Division and counsel be allowed to remain.

MS. CIESLAK: Is there any further discussion on the motion? All in favor say aye. Any opposed say nay. The motion passes.

(The Commission was in executive session from 9:02 a.m. until 11:47 a.m.)
MS. CIESLAK: I want to remind you all that I've turned the recording back on and we are in public session, so when you are speaking, please announce who is speaking.

DR. GALVIN: Okay. I'll read this statement again.

The Board will be making determinations and voting on those determinations. I would like to remind the members that only the final vote will be given today and not the reasons for the vote. In some instances, there may not have been enough medical information to make a determination, or perhaps a non-service-connected disability is more likely a service-connected disability. You may seek reconsideration of initial denial. You will receive the Board's written determination within two to four weeks, which will provide you with additional information.

Okay. Now I'm going to start to go through the list. Annette, there's nothing additional we have to do for approving Social Security people?

MS. SADLOWSKI: No. Yes, that's only on the 24-month reviews, so there's nothing further.

DR. GALVIN: Okay. We're going to vote.
Rhonda Boyd. I move to deny the service-connected application of Rhonda Boyd. Do I have a second?

DR. BLUM: Second.

DR. GALVIN: All in favor?

DR. BLUM: That's usually Cindy's job.

DR. GALVIN: Okay. Then I'll let Cindy do it. Sorry. I got carried away with the authority.

MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Galvin, the chairperson can certainly call the notes. In the Retirement Commission meetings, the chairperson calls the votes. I have assisted in the past only to, you know, help everyone with the process. So, Dr. Galvin, if you would like to do it, feel free.

DR. GALVIN: Nope. It sounds better when you do it. It sounds more professional when you do it.

So Boyd is denied.

MS. CIESLAK: Yes. You called the vote, it was unanimous, three to zero.


MS. CIESLAK: Would someone like to make the motion?

DR. GALVIN: I move that we deny the
service-connected application for disability for Lisa Carter; however, the Board would positively regard an application for non-service disability.

DR. BLUM: Second.

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

DR. GALVIN:Sounds much better when you do it, Cindy.

MS. CIESLAK: Thank you.

DR. GALVIN: You're welcome.

Jessica Chadbourne, Dr. W?

DR. WUDARSKY: To approve for disability which is service connected.

DR. GALVIN: Okay. You moved to approve service-connected disability for Jessica Chadbourne. I will second that.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

DR. BLUM: Bob, you're supposed to say this thing, right?

MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy. Any doctor can make a motion. It doesn't have to be --

DR. BLUM: Any doctor? Oh, okay.

MS. CIESLAK: I think Dr. Galvin had suggested that the doctor who had presented the case
could make the motion.

Again, any of the doctors can make motions, any of the doctors can second. So we --

Is there any further discussion on the motion to approve Jessica Chadbourne? Hearing none, all in favor say aye. All opposed say nay.

The motion passes.

DR. GALVIN: Stephanie Edwards.

Dr. Wudarsky?

DR. WUDARSKY: I make a determination of a non-service-connected disability approval.

DR. BLUM: Second.

DR. GALVIN: Okay. I second that.

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

DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the service-connected disability of Iris Fuqua.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Blum made the motion, Dr. Galvin seconded. Is there any further discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

If we are going in alphabetical order, we have to have a motion for Brendan Firetto.
DR. GALVIN: I'll make a motion to approve the non-service disability of Brendan Firetto.

DR. BLUM: Second.

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

DR. GALVIN: Want to do Mr. Jenkins, Dr. Blum?

DR. BLUM: Jenkins?

DR. GALVIN: Yes.

DR. BLUM: Jenkins was assigned to me but I never had it on my list. Why don't you --

DR. GALVIN: Oh, wait a minute.

DR. BLUM: You're going to do it, I guess.

DR. GALVIN: Yes, I'm going to write it up. I'm sorry. I forgot that. I'm sorry.

I move we approve the application for non-service disability of Rick Jenkins.

DR. BLUM: Approve.

MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Blum, was that a second?

Dr. Blum, did you second the motion?

DR. BLUM: Yes.

MS. CIESLAK: Okay. Thank you.

So we have a motion to approve non-service made by Dr. Galvin for Rick Jenkins.
Dr. Blum has seconded. Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. GALVIN: Next is Megan Khairallah, Dr. Wudarsky?

DR. WUDARSKY: I make the motion to approve the non-service-connected disability retirement for Megan Khairallah.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

DR. GALVIN: Ken Kiely, I guess is how you pronounce the name. I make a motion to approve the service-connected disability application of Kenneth Kiely.

DR. BLUM: Second.

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

DR. GALVIN: I presented Douglas Latham, and I'll make a motion to approve the service-connected disability of Douglas Latham.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: For the record, Dr. Galvin
made the motion. Dr. Blum seconded the motion. Is there any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. GALVIN: Ann Locicero. I make a motion to disapprove the non-service application of Ann Locicero.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Galvin has made the motion to disapprove, or otherwise deny, the application. It's been seconded by Dr. Blum. Is there any further discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

Dr. Galvin, before you move on to the next one, I just want to make sure the record is clear. You did say "disapprove" of Ann Locicero, correct?

DR. GALVIN: Yes. There's a lot of - she was the one with all the mixed information in there.

MS. CIESLAK: Okay. Thank you.

DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the service-connected disability of Daniel Lynch.

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Motion was made by Dr. Blum. Dr. Galvin seconded the motion. Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say
nay. The motion passes.

DR. WUDARSKY: For Brent Michaud, I make a motion to approve of his application for service-connected disability retirement. Do I have a second?

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Yes, second.

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

DR. WUDARSKY: For Marisol Morales, I motion to approve her application for non-service-connected disability retirement. Do I have a second?

DR. GALVIN: Second.

DR. BLUM: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? For the record, Dr. Wudarsky made the motion, Dr. Galvin and Dr. Blum both indicated a second. All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the service-connected reconsideration of Sherene Nelson.

DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

MS. CIESLAK: Thank you, Dr. Blum, for
your motion. Thank you, Dr. Galvin, for your second. Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. GALVIN: I think Nelson is next.

MS. CIESLAK: The motion was just on Nelson, so I think Louis Perez is next.

DR. BLUM: I'm sorry. Louis Perez. I make a motion to approve the service-connected disability of Louis Perez.

DR. GALVIN: Galvin seconds.

MS. CIESLAK: Thank you, Dr. Blum, for your motion. Thank you, Dr. Galvin, for your second. Is there any discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. GALVIN: Roy Perry. I make a motion to approve the non-service disability application of Roy Perry.

MS. CIESLAK: Wudarsky seconds. Is there any discussion? For the record, Dr. Galvin made the motion.

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

DR. GALVIN: Anibal Quinones. Dr. Galvin makes a motion to approve the service-connected disability of Mr. Anibal Quinones.
DR. BLUM: Blum.

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

DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the service-connected disability of Scott Sexton. Do I hear a second?

DR. GALVIN: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: Thank you, Dr. Blum, for your motion. Thank you, Dr. Galvin, for your second. Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

DR. GALVIN: I make a motion to deny the service-connected request for disability of Michael Vogt; however, it will be noted that the Board will favorably consider an application for non-service-connected disability. Do I have a second?

DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

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

DR. WUDARSKY: Motion to deny the service-connected disability of Autumn Waggoner. Do I have a second?
DR. GALVIN:  Galvin seconds.

MS. CIESLAK:  Any further discussion?  All in favor say aye.

DR. WUDARSKY:  Further discussion?

Dr. Wudarsky will be asking the --

MS. CIESLAK:  Dr. Wudarsky, real quick just for -- I want to make sure that you're not going to disclose any sort of medical condition in public session, to protect the applicant.

DR. WUDARSKY:  Okay.

MS. CIESLAK:  The information that you would like to seek from the applicant you can provide in the written writeup that the applicant will receive.

DR. WUDARSKY:  Okay.  Got it.  No more discussion.

MS. CIESLAK:  Anyone else have any further discussion?  All in favor say aye.  All opposed say nay.  The motion passes.

I believe that concludes the business.

DR. GALVIN:  I'll be writing up the reports so you can get them to me.

DR. WUDARSKY:  Yes.  When do you need them?
DR. GALVIN: Last night. Whenever you can
get them done.

DR. WUDARSKY: All right.

DR. BLUM: What is your email?

MS. CIESLAK: Hold on real quick.

Dr. Galvin, we are still recording. We are still in
an open meeting. I would recommend that you don't
provide your email address on an open meeting, for
the privacy of the doctors on the Board here. This
is cindy Cieslak, for the record.

DR. GALVIN: Okay.

MS. CIESLAK: Any further matters to be
discussed, you can discuss them, or you can adjourn
your meeting.

DR. GALVIN: Okay. I make a motion to
adjourn this meeting of the Medical Examining Board.

DR. BLUM: Second.

DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

MS. CIESLAK: So Dr. Galvin made a motion
to adjourn. It was seconded. Any discussion? All
in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. We are
adjourned. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.)

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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 9:01 a.m., on August 21, 2020.

Dated at Bristol, Connecticut, this 14th day of September 2020.
Karen Vibert, Notary Public

My commission expires: 08/31/2024.