

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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AUGUST 7, 2020 MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
CONVENED AT 9:07 a.m.

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Board Members Present:

Lynn Rudich, M.D., Chairperson

Richard Blum, M.D.

J. Robert Galvin, M.D.

Also Present:

Colin Newman, Assistant Director, Retirement Division

Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Division

Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel, Rose Kallor

Faith Murray, Disability Retirement Division

Karen Vibert, LSR #00064

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

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3 DR. RUDICH: The August 7, 2020 meeting of  
4 the Medical Examining Board is now in session. I am  
5 Dr. Lynn Rudich. Also with us is Dr. Robert Galvin  
6 and Dr. Richard Blum. Present from the office of  
7 State Comptroller, Retirement Services Division, are  
8 Annette Sadlowski, Faith Murray, Colin Newman, and  
9 general counsel for the Retirement Commission,  
10 Cindy Cieslak, is with us.

11 I make a motion to go into executive  
12 session, but I request that members of the  
13 Retirement Services Division and counsel be allowed  
14 to remain.

15 DR. GALVIN: Second.

16 DR. RUDICH: Any discussion? All in favor  
17 say aye. All opposed say nay. Motion passes. We  
18 are in executive session.

19 (The Commission was in executive session  
20 from 9:08 a.m. until 9:58 a.m.)

21 DR. RUDICH: Before we begin making  
22 determinations and voting, we would like to remind  
23 members that only the final vote will be given today  
24 and not the reasons for the vote. In some instances  
25 there may not have been enough medical information

1 to make a favorable determination. You may seek  
2 reconsideration of an initial denial. You will  
3 receive the Board's determination within two to four  
4 weeks, which will provide you with that additional  
5 information.

6 I make a motion to table the  
7 continued entitlement service-connected disability  
8 of Kenya Adams-Martin.

9 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

13 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve  
14 continued entitlement of service-connected  
15 disability of Gerard Bernier.

16 DR. BLUM: Second.

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

20 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve  
21 the continued entitlement to non-service-connected  
22 disability retirement for Brian DeBowes.

23 DR. BLUM: Second.

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

1 passes.

2 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve  
3 the continued entitlement to non-service-connected  
4 disability retirement of Elaine DeSalvo.

5 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

9 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve  
10 the continued entitlement to non-service-connected  
11 disability retirement of Darcie Dockum.

12 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

16 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve  
17 the continued entitlement to non-service-connected  
18 disability retirement of Patrice Flanigan.

19 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

23 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to table the  
24 continued entitlement to non-service-connected  
25 disability retirement of Ramon Laboy-Alvarez.

1 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

5 BY DR. RUDICH:

6 Q I make a motion to approve the continued  
7 entitlement for service-connected disability  
8 retirement of Phillip Marino.

9 DR. GALVIN: Second.

10 DR. BLUM: Second.

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

14 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve  
15 the continued entitlement to non-service-connected  
16 disability retirement of Millicent McRae.

17 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

21 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to approve  
22 the continued entitlement to non-service-connected  
23 disability retirement of Rosemarie Murray.

24 DR. BLUM: Second.

25 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

4 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to table the  
5 continued entitlement to service-connected  
6 disability retirement of Jessica Rodriguez.

7 DR. BLUM: Second.

8 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

12 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to table the  
13 continued entitlement to service-connected  
14 disability retirement of John Spring.

15 DR. BLUM: Second.

16 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

20 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to table the  
21 continued entitlement to non-service-connected  
22 disability retirement for Donald Yanavich.

23 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

1 passes.

2 DR. GALVIN: Millicent MRae was an  
3 approval, right?

4 DR. RUDICH: Correct.

5 I make a motion to approve the  
6 continued entitlement pursuant to the memorandum of  
7 understanding of August 6, 2015 of the following:  
8 John Bacon, Erika Bonaccorso, Patricia Brown,  
9 Michael Clay, Tamara Cunningham, James Ellis,  
10 Doris Falconi, Ramon Ortiz, Heather Paladino,  
11 Kristen Rametta, Roberto Rodriguez, Nancy Wawruck,  
12 Kathy Wilson, Rebecca Zinko.

13 DR. GALVIN: Second.

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

17 DR. BLUM: Can you just refresh my memory?  
18 What is the memorandum of understanding?

19 MS. CIESLAK: There is a memorandum of  
20 understanding of August 6, 2015 date, that the  
21 granting of disability retirement by the Social  
22 Security Administration shall be deemed to be a  
23 finding that a retiree is unable to perform suitable  
24 and comparable work. So all of the individuals who  
25 are identified in the most recent motion have been

1 granted disability retirement by Social Security.

2 DR. BLUM: Does that mean they get their  
3 benefits from Social Security or the State?

4 DR. RUDICH: Colin, can we adjourn the  
5 meeting before -- sorry.

6 MR. NEWMAN: The benefits are both the  
7 State and Social Security. The -- hello? Hello?

8 DR. RUDICH: Yes, we can hear you.

9 MR. NEWMAN: The whole purpose of the  
10 agreement was essentially that those individuals that  
11 were just read off, they were due for their continued  
12 entitlement; but, because of the fact that they are  
13 already collecting Social Security Disability,  
14 they're deemed to be continually disabled.  
15 Therefore, there is no need to go through that  
16 process with that group. They're automatically  
17 approved for the continued entitlement.

18 DR. BLUM: Do they get any benefits from  
19 the State or is it all U.S.?

20 MR. NEWMAN: They still -- they're  
21 receiving -- they are receiving a benefit from us  
22 and they are also receiving benefits from Social  
23 Security. There's like their income, it's still --  
24 the amount of money that they're receiving is still  
25 set within the provisions of SERS, like meaning

1 whatever total benefit they're entitled to, you  
2 know, in a combination of what we're paying and what  
3 Social Security is paying, that's what they're  
4 receiving.

5 DR. BLUM: Okay.

6 DR. RUDICH: I make a motion to adjourn  
7 the meeting.

8 DR. BLUM: Second.

9 DR. GALVIN: Second.

10 MS. CIESLAK: All in favor say aye.  
11 Anybody opposed? We are adjourned.

12 (Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.)  
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