STATE OF CONNECTICUT

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT 9:03 a.m.

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Board Members Present:
Richard Blum, M.D.
Marianne Wudarsky, M.D.
Frank Gerretana, M.D.

Also Present:
Colin Newman, Assistant Director, Retirement
      Services Division
Annette Sadlowski, Retirement Services Division,
      Disability Unit
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the
      Retirement Services, Commission Rose Kallor
Barbaraellen Olson
Justin Raymond, Counsel for Barbaraellen Olson

Court Reporter: Karen Vibert

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 1   (The proceedings commenced at 9:03 a.m.)

 2   DR. BLUM: The MEB board meeting is called

 3   to order, September 25, 2020 meeting, Medical

 4   Examining Board is now in session.

 5   Dr. Richard Blum, chairperson.   Present:

 6   Dr. Richard Blum, Dr. Marianne Wudarsky,

 7   Dr. Frank Gerretana.

 8   Present from the office of the State

 9   Comptroller Retirement Services Division are

10   Annette Sadlowski, Colin Newman.   General counsel

11   for the Retirement Commission, Cindy Cieslak.

12   Motion to amend.   We have no

13   amendments, et cetera.

14   The MEB board executive session will

15   now begin.   Do I have of a motion to go into

16   executive session?   Or I made a motion to go into

17   executive session.   Do I hear a second?

18   DR. GERRETANA: Second.

19   MS. CIESLAK: it was seconded by

20   Dr. Gerretana.   Any discussion?   All in favor say

21   aye.   Any opposed say nay.   All right.   Let me pause

22   the recording.

23   DR. BLUM: So I request that --

24   MS. CIESLAK: I just started the recording

25   back up.   Before we enter executive session,

 1   Dr. Dr. Blum, can you repeat who you are inviting

 2   into executive session?

 3   DR. BLUM: Yes. This is Dr. Richard Blum,

 4   chairperson, inviting into executive session

 5   Dr. Wudarsky, Dr. Gerretana. From the retirement

 6   Commission: Annette Sadlowski and Colin Newman, and

 7   Cindy Ciesak, general counsel.

 8   MS. CIESLAK: Thank you.

 9   (The Board was in executive session from

10   9:04 a.m. until 12:03 p.m.)

11   MS. CIESLAK: We are back in public

12   session. I am going to admit Ms. Olson back in.

13   DR. BLUM: You're going to admit -- wait.

14   You don't admit her now, do you?

15   MS. CIESLAK: Yes.

16   All right. So, we are back in public

17   session. Just a reminder to the doctors, please

18   state your name when you are making your motion or

19   making your second for the motion.

20   Dr. Blum, would you like me to assist

21   with the procedural aspects of the motion calling?

22   DR. BLUM: No. I'll do it.

23   MS. CIESLAK: Okay. You got it.

24   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to deny the

25   service-connected disability of Jeffrey Barrett, but

 1   we would look favorably on a non-service-connected

 2   disability.

 3   DR. BLUM: All in -- oh, you can do that,

 4   yes, please, Cindy.

 5   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

 6   DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

 7   MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. Any further

 8   discussion? All in favor say aye. All opposed say

 9   nay. The motion passes.

10   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

11   service-connected disability of Jeremy Busa.

12   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

13   DR. GERRETANA: Second. I'll

14   alternate with Dr. Wudarsky.

15   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

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

17   passes.

18   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

19   non-service-connected disability of Peter Casey.

20   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

21   DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

22   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion?

23   There being none, all in favor say aye. Any opposed

24   say nay. The motion passes.

25   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to deny the

1   service-connected disability of James Conley.

2   DR. GERRETANA: Second.

3   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

4   in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

5   passes.

6   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

7   non-service-connected disability of Diane Corbitt.

8   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

9   DR. WUDARSKY: Can I second my own

10 approval?

11   MS. CIESLAK: Yes. If anyone does not

12 agree with the motion, you should not second it.

13   DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

14   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

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

16 passes.

17   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to deny the

18 service-connected disability of George Denning, but

19 we would look favorably on a non-service-connected

20 disability.

21   DR. GERRETANA: Second.

22   MS. CIESLAK: Is there any further

23 discussion? There being none, all in favor say aye.

24 All opposed say nay. The motion passes.

25   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

 1   non-service-connected disability of

 2   Phillippia Fletcher-DeNovellis.

 3   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

 4   DR. WUDARSKY: 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. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

 9   non-service-connected disability of Gary Hamilton.

10   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

11   DR. GERRETANA: Second.

12   MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. Any further

13   discussion? All in favor say aye. Any opposed say

14   nay. The motion passes.

15   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

16   non-service-connected disability of

17   Rosemarie Hennessey.

18   DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

19   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

20   in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

21   passes.

22   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to deny the

23   non-service-connected disability of Jerald Johns.

24   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

25   DR. GERRETANA: Second.

1   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

2 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

3 passes.

4   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

5 non-service-connected disability of Beverly Murphy.

6   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

7   DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

8   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

9 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

10 pass.

11   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to -- are we

12 going to do Laprise and Mahoney or are we going to

13 skip over that?

14   MS. CIESLAK: They will need to be voted

15 on, so you can do them now or later.

16   DR. BLUM: So I make a motion to approve

17 the non-service-connected disability of

18 Suzanne Laprise.

19   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

20   DR. GERRETANA: Second.

21   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

22 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

23 passes.

24   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

25 non-service-connected disability of Jackie Mahoney.

1   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

2   DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

3   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

4 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

5 passes.

6   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to deny the

7 service-connected disability of Barbaraellen Olson,

8 but would look favorably on a non-service-connected

9 disability.

10   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

11   DR. GERRETANA: Second.

12   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

13 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

14 passes.

15   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to deny the

16 service-connected disability of Christine Patanella,

17 but would like favorably on a non-service-connected

18 disability.

19   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

20   DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

21   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

22 in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

23 passes.

24   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

25 non-service-connected disability of

 1   Chester Seklecki.

 2   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

 3   DR. GERRETANA: Second.

 4   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

 5   in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

 6   passes.

 7   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

 8   non-service-connected disability of Brian Sinclair.

 9   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

10   DR. WUDARSKY: Second.

11   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

12   in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

13   passes.

14   DR. BLUM: I make a motion to approve the

15   non-service-connected disability of Laura Torres.

16   MS. CIESLAK: Is there a second?

17   DR. GERRETANA: Second.

18   MS. CIESLAK: Any further discussion? All

19   in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion

20   passes.

21   DR. BLUM: Do you want me to make a motion

22   or do you want to make it to adjourn the meeting?

23   MS. CIESLAK: One of the doctors should

24   make motion to adjourn.

25   DR. WUDARSKY: I make a motion to adjourn.

1   DR. BLUM: I second it.

2   MS. CIESLAK: All in favor say aye. All

3   right. We are adjourned.

4   (Concluded at:12:14 p.m.)

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 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 Medical Examining

 8   Board regular meeting held electronically via Zoom,

 9   convening at 9:03 a.m., on September 25, 2020.

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18                   Dated at Bristol, Connecticut,

19   this 10th day of December, 2020.

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