#### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION

## MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD MEETING

MAY 6, 2022 MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM CONVENED AT 9:11 a.m.

# Present (via Zoom):

Chairperson J. Robert Galvin, M.D.

Eric T. Shore, M.D.

Sohrab Zahedi, M.D.

Robert Helfand, Assistant Director Retirement Division

Colin Newman, Assistant Director Retirement Division

Annette Sadlowski, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division

Helena Bartolomeo, Disability Retirement Unit, Retirement Services Division

William Cassada, Investigation & Recovery Unit, Retirement Division

Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission Rose Kallor, LLP.

#### ABSENT:

Frank Gerratana, M.D.

Lynn Rudich, M.D.

Vasantha Kainkaryam, M.D.

Richard Blum, M.D.

Manny Katsetos, M.D.

Michael Gerstenfeld, M.D.

Poleak So, M.D.

Fielding Johnson, M.D.

Rita Ohene-Adjei, M.D.

Sachin Parekh, M.D.

Nicolai Lieders, M.D.

Amarjeet Dargan, M.D.

Sheldon Nova, M.D.

TRANSCRIPTIONIST: Karin A. Empson

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                (Proceedings commenced at 9:11 a.m.)
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay, this is a call to
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     order of the MEB meeting of 6th May 2022. It is now in
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     session. Dr. Bob Galvin. I am the Chairperson.
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     Present is Dr. Sohrab Zahedi, myself, and Dr. Eric
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     Shore. Present from the Office of the Comptroller,
     Retirement Services Division are staff members of the
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     Retirement Services Division Colin Newman, Annette
     Sadlowski, Robert Helfand, and William Cassada, and
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     Helena Bartolomeo. General Counsel for the Retirement
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     Commission is Cindy Cieslak, J.D.
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                Okay. Now, I motion - okay, now are there
     any amendments to the agenda?
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                DR. SHORE:
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Negative.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Okay. So we will
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     now go into executive session. I will entertain a
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     motion from one of my distinguished colleagues to go
     into executive session.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Second.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Okay. And we are
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     going into executive session for the purpose of
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discussing individual members' disability health 1 2 issues. I request that the members of the Retirement 3 Services Division and the counsel be allowed to remain. DR. ZAHEDI: Second. 4 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. All in favor? 5 MS. CIESLAK: (Inaudible) 6 DR. ZAHEDI: Aye. 7 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. All right. 8 Approved. And so now we are in session, and the Board 9 - I will read our credo. The Board will be making 10 11 determinations and voting on those determinations, but would like to remind members that only the final vote 12 will be given today and not the reasons for the vote. 13 In some instances, there may not have been enough 14 15 medical information to make a determination, but perhaps a non-service-connected disability is more 16 likely than a service-connected disability. 17 You may seek reconsideration after an initial 18 19 denial. You will receive the Board's written 20 determination within two to four weeks, which will 21 provide you with that additional information that you need. 22 23 Okay. Are we all set, ready to go? MS. CIESLAK: Thank you, Dr. Galvin. This is 24

Cindy Cieslak. Members, what that means is the Board

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is going to be in executive session and they're going to discuss your medical records privately so that it's not available for the public to hear. So I'm going to place you back into the waiting room.

The doctors have the discretion to ask you questions. Traditionally, their practice has been to only call in those individuals who are on reconsideration. I noticed that, I believe, most of the individuals here are not on reconsideration today, however if you'd like to remain, just in case the doctors have questions, if you are here and they see that you are here, if they have questions, they might ask you questions. So it's not a guarantee that you'll get to speak to the doctors, but you might be able to.

So if you want to wait in the waiting room and hang out, you are welcome to do that. When they enter public session to make their votes, you will be invited back in to hear the vote today. All right?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, I have a couple of questions first. Which portion of this will be public? Because I have some sensitive information pretty much that occurred in Bridgeport that I'd like to stay very private.

MS. CIESLAK: Of course, of course. We understand. So as soon - so Dr. Galvin and the doctors

are going into executive session, and I am going to turn the recording off. I'm going to place all of the members here that are not part of the doctors or the Retirement Division or myself, who've been invited into executive session for review of these matters, everyone else is going to be placed in the waiting room. So no one will be hearing your information other than the doctors and the State employees, and I am an attorney for the Retirement Division.

And so that's the only individuals who are going to hear this. If they have questions for you, they will invite you in, but even those questions will still be while the recording is off and during executive session. And then when we come out of executive session and the doctors make the motions, the motions are very non-specific in terms of your medicals. And so they're just going to say whether they approve or deny your disability.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

MS. CIESLAK: Okay?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And the other thing is, do you have my - I don't have the best laptop.

It's not up to date. It takes like 10 minutes for the internet to even come up. So in the event that I do lose this meeting somehow - like before the session, I

1 thought it was the laptop acting up. I was freaking 2 out. I thought I missed out because we were kind of 3 late starting. Do you have my phone number to get in touch with me in the event something like that happens? 4 MS. CIESLAK: I believe members of the 5 Division do have your contact information, mm-hmm. 6 7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Okay. I don't - I think it'll be fine because we're connected now, 8 but, you know, I just wanted to make sure there's no 9 problems because this laptop isn't too reliable at 10 11 times. MS. CIESLAK: No problem. 12 All right, so I want to place the members 13 into the waiting room, and you will be let in if the 14 15 doctors have questions for you or if we go back into public session. 16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, that's fine. 17 Now, how long should I wait in the waiting room for? 18 Should I just put it aside for-19 MS. CIESLAK: It's very hard to give a 20 specific time. Sometimes it's, you know, half an hour; 21 sometimes it's three hours. 22 23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, okay. MS. CIESLAK: So it could go a while. 24

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Will there be

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     any audio on my end? I mean, you won't be able to hear
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     the TV going or nothing like that?
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               MS. CIESLAK:
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                UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, perfect.
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               MS. CIESLAK: No. Thank you.
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                UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Thank you.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Are we ready to
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               MS. CIESLAK: Hold on one second, Dr. Galvin.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Yep, okay.
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               MS. CIESLAK: I've got to turn the recording
     off.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: All right.
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                (The Board was in executive session from 9:12
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     a.m. until 12:18 p.m.)
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Of course.
               MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Galvin, everyone from the
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     waiting room has been invited back in. Let me just
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     place everyone on mute here.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay.
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               MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Galvin, everyone has been
     invited back in from the waiting room. For the record,
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     this is Cindy Cieslak. Just as a reminder to the
     doctors, when you're speaking, say your name for the
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     record.
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                And, Dr. Galvin, you may proceed when you
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: All right. Is everybody
               We're all set?
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     settled?
                DR. ZAHEDI: Proceed.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Then we will
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     begin to consider the individual cases and we will vote
     on the individual member's retirement disability
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     benefits. And if I get out of order on this, I'm sure
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     that the learned Barrister Cieslak will correct me.
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                I motion to approve Mr. Blanchard's - hang
     on, let me get the right language here - Mr. John -
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     John Blanchard's approval for service-connected
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     disability.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Second.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay.
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                MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Zahedi seconded the motion.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Yes. Okay. All in
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     favor of approving Mr. John Blanchard for service-
     connected disability, indicate by saying aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Galvin, aye.
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                Okay. The next person is Mr. Flores, and
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     you'll remember, he was one of my cases, and he was the
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     gentleman who had the unfortunate-
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               MS. CIESLAK: Dr. Galvin? Dr. Galvin?
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Yes.
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               MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. I'm
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     just going to caution you to the extent you were going
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     to provide any medical information. We are in public
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: No.
               MS. CIESLAK: -- and this is being
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     transcribed.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay.
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               MS. CIESLAK: So I didn't want you to provide
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     any medical information.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Sure. Yep. Just
     so you remember, it's Flores, Faustino. I propose to
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     approve him for non-service-connected disability. Do I
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     have a second for that motion?
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. All in favor of
     approving Mr. Faustino (sic) for non-service
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     disability, indicate by saying aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Aye, Zahedi.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Unanimous,
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     Frito (phonetic). And-
                DR. SHORE: No, Gianpoalo.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: I'm sorry, Mr.
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     Gianpoalo, Mr. Samuel Gianpoalo. I - is somebody
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     trying to get in? I'm getting beeping. No.
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                Okay. I move to approve the recommendation
     for service-connected disability for Mr. Samuel
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     Gianpoalo. May I have a second for that?
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. And all in favor
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     of approving Mr. Gianpoalo for service-connected
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     disability, indicate by saying aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Aye, Zahedi.
                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay, Galvin, aye.
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                Next one is Lucy Giliberto. She is applying
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     for non-service-connected disability. I propose that
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     she be approved for non-service-connected disability.
     May I have a second?
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay.
                DR. SHORE: Wait, wait, wait, wait.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay, all in favor-
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MS. CIESLAK: Is there further discussion on
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                DR. SHORE: Yeah, please.
                MS. CIESLAK: There might be further
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     discussion on this matter.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Any further
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     discussion?
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                DR. SHORE: Are we in executive session?
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                MS. CIESLAK: We are not in executive
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     session.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: No, we're in open -
     we're in public session.
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                DR. SHORE: (Inaudible)
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: We are discussing Mrs.
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     Lucy Giliberto.
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                DR. SHORE: Yeah. My notes have a different
     decision.
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                MS. CIESLAK: And, Dr. Shore, you can
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     indicate what you believe the appropriate action would
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     be without talking about her medical information. And
     if the Board needs to discuss her medical information
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     further, the Board can entertain a motion to return to
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     executive session.
                DR. SHORE: My decision was to table the
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     entitlement to non-service-connected disability.
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CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Thank you for correcting
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     me. I was in error in that. And I think that's
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     reasonable.
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               MS. CIESLAK: The proper procedure here would
     be for Dr. Zahedi to withdraw his second and for Dr.
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     Galvin to withdraw his motion.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay, Dr. Zahedi?
                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi withdraws my second.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Dr. Galvin
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     withdraws the motion. A new motion from Dr. Galvin for
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     Lucy Giliberto, who is applying for non-service-
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     connected disability, I move that her application be
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     tabled. May I have a second on that?
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore (inaudible).
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. All in favor of
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     tabling Lucy Giliberto's request for non-service
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     disability, indicate by saying aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Aye, Zahedi.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore-
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye, Galvin. Okay.
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     second.
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                DR. SHORE: Second. Oh, take your time.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Okay. I move to
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     approve Paul Grochowski for non-service disability.
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1 May I have a second? DR. ZAHEDI: Second, Zahedi. 2 3 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay, all in favor of approving Mr. Paul Grochowski for non-service 4 disability, indicate by saying aye. 5 DR. ZAHEDI: Aye, Zahedi. 6 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye. 7 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye. 8 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Next, Douglas 9 10 Henton. I move that we approve Mr. Henton's request 11 for disability. I believe the box wasn't checked on whether he wanted non-service or service, but I believe 12 he is applying for non-service. May I have a second on 13 an application - on a motion to approve Mr. Douglas 14 15 Henton's application for a service disability? DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second. 16 MS. CIESLAK: There's going to be further 17 discussion on this. I just want to clarify because, 18 19 Dr. Galvin, I believe in the last sentence, you mentioned both non-service and service-connected 20 disability. So can we clarify whether the motion is 21 for service or non-service? 22 23 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: I think - I believe I did not see a box checked, but that may have been on 24 another client. But it is my - I believe that we -25

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     that he is - I have a secondary note saying he's
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     applying for service-connected disability. And I may
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     have mistaken someone else's not checking the box. I
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     believe it was his. But he is applying for service-
     connected disability.
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               And is there any discussion about Mr. Douglas
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     Henton?
                DR. ZAHEDI: No, Zahedi.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: It's not? Oh, go ahead.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: No, I don't have any discussion,
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     sir.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay, no discussion.
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     Okay. Then we will now vote on whether to approve Mr.
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     Douglas Henton for service-connected disability. All
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     in favor of approving this individual, say aye.
                DR. ZAHEDI: Aye, Zahedi.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye from Galvin. He is
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     approved unanimously for service-connected disability.
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                Next patient is Mr. Clarence Jones. He is
     applying for a service-connected disability. I propose
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     that we table the application for service-connected
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     disability. Mr. Clarence Jones, is there a second?
                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Is there any
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     discussion on Mr. Jones?
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                DR. SHORE: No.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: If not, all in favor of
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     approving Mr. Clarence Jones' application to be tabled
     for service-connected disability, indicate by saying
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     aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Aye, Zahedi.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye from Galvin.
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                Okay. The next individual is Mrs. Jubrey.
     propose that Mrs. Jubrey be approved - her application
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     for non-service disability be tabled. Do I have a
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     second on that motion?
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Is there any
     discussion on Mrs. Jubrey's case? This is a
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     reconsideration. If there is no discussion, I will
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     call a vote whether to approve Janet Jubrey for
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     application for non-service disability to be tabled.
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     All in favor of this motion, indicate by saying aye.
                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Galvin, aye. Okay.
     Then we now approved Mrs. Janet Jubrey - put her
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     application into a status of being tabled.
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1 Next individual, I propose that Cheryl Lewis 2 be approved for non-service disability. And I need a 3 second for that motion. DR. SHORE: No. 4 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second. 5 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. May I 6 7 make a friendly suggestion to amend the motion, that 8 the application for service-connected disability be denied, but the Board would look favorable upon a non-9 service-connected disability? 10 11 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Thank you. Thank you for-12 DR. ZAHEDI: That was my understanding. 13 DR. SHORE: (Inaudible) 14 15 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Yeah, thank you for (inaudible). Okay. I will now ask for the person who 16 seconded my motion to withdraw the second. 17 DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi withdraws. 18 19 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Dr. Z. And I, Dr. 20 Galvin, withdraw my motion to approve Mrs. Lewis' application. And, Cindy, what was our wording on that? 21 22 MS. CIESLAK: Sure. Dr. Galvin, I recommend 23 that the wording be that Ms. Lewis' application for service-connected disability be denied, however the 24 Board would look favorable upon a non-service-connected 25

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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay, Galvin
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     again. I recommend that Mrs. Lewis' - Cheryl Lewis'
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     application for service-connected disability be retired
     with a notation that a further application for non-
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     service disability would be favorably regarded.
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                May I have a second on that, please?
                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi seconds.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Any discussion on
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     Mrs. Lewis' non-service - service denial and non-
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     service-connected recommended? If not, all in favor of
     approving this motion, indicate by saying aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, ave.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Galvin, aye. Okay.
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     motion passes.
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                We will now consider Christopher McManus.
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     propose that Christopher McManus-
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                DR. SHORE: (Inaudible)
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: I'm sorry?
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                DR. SHORE: We skipped one.
                DR. ZAHEDI: Lirette.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Oh, who'd I skip?
                DR. ZAHEDI: Theresa Lirette.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Let me look
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                DR. SHORE: Bob, I have this right in front
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Yeah. You know, I'm
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     going back and forth through my notes. I didn't copy
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     off my computer, so-
                DR. SHORE: I have it all checked off here.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay.
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                DR. SHORE: Cindy, would that be okay, or no?
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                MS. CIESLAK: This is totally fine.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: That's fine with
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     (inaudible).
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               MS. CIESLAK: Any doctor could make the
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     motions. So I'm just going to note for the record that
     Dr. Shore is now going to make the motion.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay. Now you can see
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     why I love to be the chairperson.
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                DR. SHORE: Yeah, all right.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay.
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                DR. SHORE: I motion Theresa Lirette's
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     application for a non-service-connected disability be
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     approved. Is there a second?
                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
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                DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye.
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1 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Galvin, aye. DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye. 3 DR. SHORE: Shore, aye. 4 I make a motion to deny the service-connected application of Chris McManus, but the Board would look 5 favorable upon application for non-service-connected. 6 7 Is there a second? CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Galvin seconds. 8 DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye. CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye. 10 11 DR. ZAHEDI: Just, if I may, I have another question. Given that this is a reconsideration, my 12 understanding was that the non-service-connected was 13 14 approved. 15 MS. CIESLAK: This is Cindy Cieslak. There's like a procedural process where the Retirement Division 16 will send out a letter explaining the decision. And I 17 believe the applicant will have to check a box saying 18 19 he accepts the non-service recommendation. DR. ZAHEDI: That's - I second that. 20 21 MS. CIESLAK: Okay. So I believe the motion-22 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay, so-23 MS. CIESLAK: Oh, go ahead. DR. SHORE: All in favor-24 25 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: We're voting on Mr.

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McManus, and we're voting to deny his service-
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                DR. SHORE: Deny the service, but favorable-
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: -- and favorable
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     consideration for non-service.
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                DR. SHORE: Yes, sir.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay.
                DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Aye, Zahedi.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye.
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                DR. SHORE: Give me your names.
                DR. ZAHEDI: Aye, Zahedi.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Galvin.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
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                I motion to approve the non-service-connected
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     disability application of Pasquale Montana. Is there a
     second?
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Second, Galvin.
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                DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
                I motion to approve the application for non-
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     service disability for retirement on David Rodriguez.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, second.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Galvin seconds.
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                DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye.
                DR. ZAHEDI: Aye, Zahedi.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
                I motion for approval of non-service-
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     connected disability of Michael Solemene for-
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Galvin seconds.
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                DR. SHORE: --non-service-connected
     disability. Is there a second?
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Second, Galvin.
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                DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
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                I motion to approve the non-service
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     application for disability retirement to Cedrica Titus.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Second, Galvin.
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                DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.
                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
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                I motion to approve the service-connected
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     disability retirement application for Anthony Valenti.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Second from Galvin.
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                DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
                I motion to approve the non-service-connected
     application for - I'm sorry, non-service disability for
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     Chad Wellington. Is there a second?
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Galvin seconds.
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                DR. SHORE: All in favor, say aye.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Aye, Galvin.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Zahedi, aye.
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                DR. SHORE: Shore, aye.
                MS. CIESLAK: Doctors, before you conclude
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     this meeting, may I make a personal point of privilege?
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                DR. SHORE: Please.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Sure.
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                MS. CIESLAK: Thank you. This is Cindy
     Cieslak. I would just like to recognize that this is
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     Ms. Sadlowski's last initial disability application
     meeting. And she might be here for a 24-month review
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     later this month if we have one; I'm not sure of the
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schedule. But I would just like to recognize Ms.
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     Sadlowski for all of her service to the Division and
     for all of her work as it relates to these meetings and
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     congratulate her on her retirement.
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Well-deserved.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: I'll certainly second
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     that. Good for you, Annette. You go.
                MS. SADLOWSKI: Thank you, everyone.
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                DR. SHORE: (Inaudible) I may not lose your
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     email address though.
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                MS. SADLOWSKI: Thank you.
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                MS. CIESLAK: Thank you for letting me speak,
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               You may proceed and adjourn when appropriate.
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     doctors.
                DR. SHORE: Are we going to be putting-
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Are there any further
     matters - qo ahead.
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                DR. SHORE: --these all together?
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Repeat that, please, Dr. Shore.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: I'm sorry, I didn't
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     hear.
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                DR. SHORE: Who is going to-
                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay, I will need to
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     receive your writeups on these cases and then I will
     forward them to - who do I forward them to since
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     Annette isn't here?
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DR. ZAHEDI: I believe it's Mr. Cassada.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay.
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                MS. SADLOWSKI: Yes, yes. You can send them
     to William Cassada.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Okay.
                DR. SHORE: (Inaudible) gmail, as we've been
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     doing?
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Yeah, qmail works for
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     me. Otherwise, I'm lost.
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                DR. SHORE: Gmail is fine.
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                CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Are there any further
     discussion? Okay, do you two gentlemen have my gmail
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     address? If not, Cindy or one of the admin people will
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     supply it to you after the close of the meeting.
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                I would now like to thank Dr. Shore. I
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     allowed my notes to get disorganized and in his usual
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     fashion of great care and skill, he was very helpful.
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     I appreciate that. I appreciate Dr. Zahedi's excellent
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     information and analysis of the behavioral problems.
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     And you are two excellent, excellent physicians and I
     am lucky to be able to work with you.
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                I will now entertain a motion to adjourn this
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     section of the session of the MEB Board. Do I have a
     motion?
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                DR. ZAHEDI: Second, Zahedi.
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                 CHAIRPERSON GALVIN: Second, okay. Any
     comment? If there is no comment, the meeting of the 6^{\rm th}
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     May 2022 MEB Board is adjourned. Thank you all.
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                 MS. CIESLAK: Thank you.
                 DR. ZAHEDI: Thank you.
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                 DR. SHORE: Thank you.
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                 (Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.)
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