IN THE MATTER OF:NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONTHE CERTIFICATES OF:STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERSMARIA PATAMIA (Montella):ORDER OF REVOCATION:DOCKET NO. 1617-182

At its meeting of April 6, 2017, the New Jersey State Board of Examiners (Board) reviewed an affidavit that the Morris County Prosecutor's Office had submitted regarding Maria Patamia (Montella). On December 19, 2016, Patamia pled guilty to Criminal Sexual Contact. On January 27, 2017, Patamia was sentenced to two years' probation, ordered to comply with Megan's Law and fined. Patamia currently holds a Teacher of Health and Physical Education certificate, issued in April 1980 and a Principal/Supervisor certificate, issued in February 1984.

Patamia agreed to relinquish her certificates with the force and effect of a revocation and all attendant consequences in her affidavit to that effect to the Board. At its meeting of April 6, 2017, the Board voted to accept Patamia's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:9B-4.7.

Accordingly, on this 6th day of April 2017, it is therefore ORDERED that Maria Patamia's Teacher of Health and Physical Education and Principal/Supervisor certificates be revoked, effective immediately.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary State Board of Examiners

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Date of Mailing: via certified and regular mail

Appeals may be made to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1.3(b).