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**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
February 26, 2021**

**Present:** Ms. Aimee Rousseau (formerly Blenner), Deputy Attorney General  
Mr. Derek Jess  
Ms. Thelma Ramsey  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Ms. Suzana Zeitz  
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak  
Dr. Jonathan Dauber  
Mr. Abdul Saleem Hasan  
Ms. Melissa Pearce  
Ms. Kristen Ludman  
Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary

**Absent:** None

**DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AT THE TIME, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY VIA SKYPE.**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Derek Jess, Acting Chairperson, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act. He also read notice provisions regarding access to the virtual meeting.

Dr. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2021. Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote with Ms. Ludman abstaining.

**Individual Credentials Review**

The following applicants attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board regarding their applications:

Joseph Bruno  
Denise Kline  
Michael Kornegay

The Board had a question for Mr. Bruno regarding overcoming deficiencies while under his provisional certification.

Yeon Lang Cha was not present, and the Board did not have a question for her.

### **Credentials Review Consent List**

Dr. McNally made a motion to adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous roll call vote with Ms. Ludman abstaining. The candidates in the following cases were present at the January 22, 2021 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Kendall Brown	Standard Preschool Through Third Grade certificate - The Board denied her application.
Jasmine Collier	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application.
Shaina Ross	Standard certificates in Teacher of Elementary Education K-6 and Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied her applications.

Dr. McNally made a motion to adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion with Ms. Ludman abstaining. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous roll call vote. The candidate in the following case was not present at the January 22, 2021 meeting.

Calvin Abramowitz	Supplemental Instruction in Reading and Mathematics K-8 Certificate of Eligibility (CE)- The Board denied his application.
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### **Legal Committee Report**

There were two (2) hearings on the agenda – Acey Mosley and Bradley Sakevich. Neither appeared for the hearing.

Dr. McNally then made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding matters on the Consent Order portion of the agenda, which was duly seconded by Mr. Hasan and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:03 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Dr. Dauber, seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:59 am.

The Board then took the following action with regarding items on the agenda:

Amy F. Garcia – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Garcia’s educator certificate(s) for a period of two (2) years based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and the action taken in Georgia.

Courtney Bullen – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Jonathan R. Coniglio – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent orders in this matter.

April A. Lowery - By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent orders in this matter.

Gail P. Wunsch – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted as follows:

- To accept the proposed consent order in this matter which relinquishes her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation;
- To remove the Wunsch matter from the Consent List portion of the agenda; and
- To reject the Initial Decision as follows: The ALJ made findings of unbecoming conduct which the Board does not disagree with, but nevertheless must reject the initial decision solely in light of its decision to accept the proposed consent order in this matter which results in a relinquishment of certificates.

Rodney Beaver – By a vote of 8-0, with Ms. Ramsey recusing, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Beaver’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

David Broach – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Broach’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

Garret J. Cunningham – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Cunningham’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and action against out of state license(s).

Davina M. Levari – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Levari’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

Jennifer Newbern – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Newbern’s certificate(s) for a period of 6 months based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Dawn Norcross (Tichenor) – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Norcross’ certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Amanda R. Richardson - By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Richardson’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Luis Aviles – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment in this matter with the force and effect of a revocation.

Julian Palacios – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment in this matter with the force and effect of a revocation.

Mariann C. Balmann - By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Tarley Cooper – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out of state license(s).

Nicholas Dotoli – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Todd Foster - By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Steven P. Lourenco - By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

William J. Mattison - By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Nicole Oates (Diodato) – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out of state license(s).

Amada Sanjuan – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Bill Winters – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Joseph Tramontana – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to retain the case from the Office of Administrative Law after Mr. Tramontana failed to appear.

Gina Cinotti – By a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to take no action in this matter.

### **Legal Consent List**

Dr. Dauber then made a motion to adopt items a-m and item o on the consent list below. Ms. Zeitz seconded and Ms. Ludman abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dauber then made a motion to adopt item p on the consent list below. Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded and Ms. Zeitz recused, Ms. Ludman abstained. The motion passed.

### **Orders to Show Cause**

- a. Luisa Blanco
- b. Jeffrey Caffee
- c. Glenn Donahue
- d. Brandon E. Lighten
- e. Katherine I. Malone
- f. Thomas A. Rolston
- g. Keith T. Sattely

### **Revocations/Suspensions**

- h. Edward Clarke – revocation
- i. John D. Foerster – revocation
- j. Michael D. Hogan – revocation
- k. Jodi Myers (Lisgar) – revocation
- l. Kimberly Pinkham – revocation
- m. Christin A. Williamson (Michell) – revocation
- n. Gail P. Wunsch (REMOVED)

### **Other**

- o. Damon O. Colbert - Block

p. Nicholas Cilento (SZ recuse)

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Secretary's Report**

None.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Dauber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Ludman and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on April 1, 2021 either in the first-floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey or virtually via Skype.

Minutes prepared by Kimberly A. Gatti

Minutes certified by Rani Singh, Secretary