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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
January 22, 2021**

Present: Ms. Aimee 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

Absent: Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary
Ms. Kristen Ludman

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 December 10, 2020. Mr. Hasan seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review

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

Kendall Brown
Jasmine Collier
Shaina Ross

The Board had no questions for any of the present candidates.

Calvin Abramowitz was not present, and the Board did not have a question for him.

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. The candidates in the following cases were present at the December 10, 2020 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Samuel Casquiera	Natural Resources Systems Agriculture Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied his application.
Susan D'Agostino	Standard School Counselor Certificate – The Board denied her application.
Mathias J. Koller	Certificates of Eligibility (CE) in Teacher of Social Studies and Teacher of Comprehensive Business – The Board denied his applications.
Kristen Meagher	Preschool Through Third Grade Certificate of Eligibility (CE)- The Board denied her application.
Ryan Ritter	Teacher of Elementary Grades K-6 Certificate of Eligibility (CE)– The Board denied his application.
Joseph Romano	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility (CE) - The Board denied his application.

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. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous roll call vote. The candidate in the following case was not present at the December 10, 2020 meeting. The Board adopted the following decision:

LaTajah Hopkins	Supervisor certificate - The Board denied her application.
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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. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous roll call vote. The candidate in the following case required

revision to the December 10, 2020 consent list decision. The Board adopted the following decision:

Mary McDermott

Standard School Nurse Non-Instructional certificate
– The Board granted in part and denied in part.

Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing on the agenda – IMO the Certificates of Amy F. Garcia. Ms. Garcia appeared with her legal counsel who engaged Ms. Garcia with questions before the Board. The Board had one question for Ms. Garcia, for which she provided a response.

Dr. Dauber 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 Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:56 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Dr. Dauber, seconded by Ms. Zeitz and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting.

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

Courtney Bullen – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Douglas Mormello – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Kathryn Prol – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent orders in this matter.

Edward Clarke – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Clarke’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

John D. Foerster – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Foerster’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and action against out of state license(s).

Michael D. Hogan – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Hogan’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Jodi Myers Lisgar – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Myers’ certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and action against out of state certificate(s).

Kimberly Pinkham – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Pinkham’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Christin A. Williamson (Michell) – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Williamson’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Ryan Zamorsky. - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Luisa Blanco - By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Jeffrey Caffee – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and 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).

Nicholas Cilento – By a vote of 7-0 with Ms. Zeitz recusing, 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.

Glenn Donahue - By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Brandon E. Lighten - By a vote of 8-0, 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).

Katherine I. Malone - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Thomas Rolston – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Keith T. Sattely – By a vote of 8-0, 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).

Gail Wunsch – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision and to modify the penalty to revocation.

Damon O. Colbert – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Priscilla Vera – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted not to take action to block the application.

Legal Consent List

Dr. Dauber then made a motion to adopt items a-c and e-i on the consent list below. Ms. Zeitz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dauber then made a motion to adopt item d on the consent list below. Mr. Hasan and Ms. Ramsey recused. Ms. Zeitz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dauber then made a motion to adopt item j on the consent list below. Dr. McNally seconded and with Ms. Zeitz recusing, the motion passed unanimously.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Bruce Bassetti
- b. Frank Fuzy III
- c. Angel Fuentes-Pesquera
- d. Al Jefferson
- e. Taylor Kemp
- f. Shannon Lamaster
- g. Jennifer McClean
- h. Jean Sagredo (Johnson)
- i. Laura Yacono

Revocations/Suspensions

- j. Rita O'Malley - revoke

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. Zeitz and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on February 26, 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