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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
July 30, 2021**

Present: Laurie Fichera, Deputy Attorney General
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Thelma Ramsey
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Suzana Zeitz
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Melissa Pearce
Ms. Kristen Ludman

Absent: Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Mr. Abdul Saleem Hasan
Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary

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

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 June 25, 2021. Ms. Ludman 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:

Dante Acerbo
Mindy Bennington

Lindsay Carlsen
Claudia Clark
Delia DeLorenzo
Jeremy Dusz
Glenn Langan
Bethany Lau
Lynn Quinn
Lauren Roesch (Gunther)
Danielle Stabler

The Board had a question for Claudia Clark and Lauren Gunther. Both candidates provided responses to the Board.

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. 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 June 25, 2021 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Dave Bartlett	Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certificate- The Board granted his application.
Elijah Brambilla	Provisional Teacher of Students with Disabilities Renewal – The Board granted his application.
Jillian Cruoglio	Principal Certificate of Eligibility and Supervisor Certificate – The Board denied her applications.
Bianca Hackbarth	Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 Certificate of Eligibility – the Board granted her application.
Ryan Hoolahan	Renewal of Provisional Certificate Teacher of Plumbing and Pipefitting – the Board granted his application.
Tyneisha Reevey	Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – the Board denied her application.
Steven Styles	Renewal of Provisional Certificate for Teacher of Printing – the Board denied his application.
Carmela Triglia	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted her application.

Dr. McNally made a motion to adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Orlak seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous roll call vote. The candidate in the following cases were not present at the June 25, 2021 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Lisa Elmo	Renewal of Provisional Certificate for Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied her application.
Diane Lemma	Renewal of Provisional Teacher Certificate for Teacher of Elementary K-8 and Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied her application.

Legal Committee Report

There was one (1) hearing on the agenda. The hearing was *IMO Certificates of Nicholas Cilento*. Ms. Zeitz recused herself from the hearing. Mr. Cilento appeared with his counsel and made a presentation to the Board.

Ms. Zeitz returned to the meeting upon conclusion of the hearing while the board was preparing to go into executive session. Ms. Ludman then made a motion to go into closed session 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 10:59 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Ms. Ludman, seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:31 am. Mr. Jess left the meeting at the conclusion of executive session, prior to the return to the public session. Ms. Desiderio Orlak commenced chairing the meeting at his departure.

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

Susan Bechelli – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Scott Levy – The consent order in this matter was rescinded by Mr. Levy prior to the meeting.

Douglas Mormello – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Mariann C. Balmann – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoked Ms. Balmann’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Katie D. Davenport (Loane) - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Davenport's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Glenn Donahue – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to table the matter.

Bruce Bassetti – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Bassetti's educator certificate(s) for a period of one (1) year based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Brett D. Holeman – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Holeman's certificate(s) for six (6) months based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

George J. Hopkins - By a vote of 6-0, 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 certificate(s).

Kimberly Killion - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Ian M. Kulis - By a vote of 6-0, 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 disqualification from public school employment.

Andrew J. Lota – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and 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.

Ashley A. Markovic - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Jared L. Moskowitz - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Rodolfo A. Pichardo – By a vote of 6-0, 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 crime.

Howard Zlotkin - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Deborah Coulson – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to retain the matter from the Office of Administrative law.

Valon Beasley – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to grant the application for certification after block.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Ludman then made a motion to adopt items a-s on the consent list below. Ms. Zeitz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Nicholas DiPasquale
- b. Jesse Lerch
- c. Luke Maginnis

Revocations/Suspensions

- d. Katherine I. Malone – suspension
- e. Jennifer McClean - revocation
- f. Raquel Romero - revocation
- g. Victoria E. Sterlin-Scales – revocation
- h. Laura Yacono – revocation
- i. Elizabeth Sheehy - suspension

Other

- j. Peter Kurinzi - block

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Board’s staff thanked teachers and administrators for a successful and challenging school year during the public health emergency.

Secretary’s Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Ludman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on September 17, 2021 either in the first-floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Minutes prepared by Kimberly A. Gatti

Minutes certified by Rani Singh, Secretary