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**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
May 13, 2021**

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

**Absent:** Derek Jess – left meeting around 1 pm

**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. Dauber moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2021, 2021. Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote with Mr. Jess abstaining.

**Individual Credentials Review**

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

Brittany Gregory

Matthew Mawn  
Katelyn Passafaro  
Laura Ramp  
Edward Ruggieri

The Board had no questions for any of the present candidates. Tammy Doster-Reed and Kimberly Wyluda were not present, and the Board did not have a question for them.

### **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 April 1, 2021 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Samuel Casqueira	Natural Resources Systems and Agriculture Certificates of Eligibility (CE)- The Board denied his application.
Barbara Fanik	Teacher of Elementary Grades K-6 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) – The Board denied her application.
Shakema Geer	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility (CE) – The Board denied her application.
Christopher Rodia	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility (CE) – the Board denied his application.
Amanda Soll	Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) – the Board denied her application.
Sora H. Zucker	Preschool Through Grade 3 (PreK-3) Certificate and a Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TOSD) Certificate – 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. 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 April 1, 2021 meeting. The Board adopted the following decision:

Dennis Hall	Supervisor certificate – The Board denied his application.
Cosar Taalu	Supervisor certificate – The Board denied his

application.

## **Legal Committee Report**

There were two (2) hearings on the agenda. The first hearing was *IMO Certificates of Joseph Armstead*. Mr. Armstead appeared with his counsel and made a presentation to the Board.

The second hearing was *IMO the Certificates of Carlos Rodriguez*. Mr. Rodriguez appeared with his legal counsel. Both Mr. Rodriguez and his counsel made statements to the Board.

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 11:43 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 1:23 pm. Mr. Jess left the meeting at approximately 1 pm during executive session.

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

Linda M. Cainzos – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

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

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

Christine Lopez - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter. Note that Dr. McNally recused from this matter.

April A. Lowery - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

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

Brie Marks – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Marks’ certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

Kimberley Peschi - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Peschi’s certificate(s) for a period of two (2) years based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Timothy G. Egan – 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 disqualification from public school employment.

Thomas Fien – 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.

Marisa A. D’Ambola-Gompertz – 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 her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Romie Lane Doss - 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 suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Kelly Howley - 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 and action against out of state license(s).

Grace L. Jones - 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 and action against out of state license(s).

Jill Maria (Mason) – By a vote of 7-0, with Dr. Dauber recusing, 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.

Antoinette M. Terlizzi – 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.

Jerel H. Wolfe – 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.

Nicole M. Maffucci - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to block the pending application(s) and 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.

Richard N. Leonard - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to vacate the previously issued order to show cause and then 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.

Jesmarie Soto - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to vacate the previously issued order to show cause and then 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.

Joshua L. Rosenbaum - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to deny the motion to stay the revocation and the request to vacate the revocation decision.

Augustine Ankomah - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision in this matter.

Inez Bradley – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to block the application.

Elizabeth Sheehy – By a vote of 8-0, the Board vote to vacate the suspension order and then voted to consider the initial decision in light of the remand by the Commissioner at a later meeting.

### **Legal Consent List**

Ms. Ludman then made a motion to adopt items a-r on the consent list below. Dr. Dauber seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Ludman then made a motion to adopt item s on the consent list below, with Ms. Ramsey and Mr. Hasan recusing. The Motion passed unanimously.

### **Orders to Show Cause**

- a. Jean N. Allen
- b. Ernesto Austin
- c. Lora M. Cimiluca
- d. Rayna Culver
- e. Michael T. Davis
- f. Edward Grasso
- g. Cindy Jimenez
- h. Scott Levy
- i. Keyan Ostad-Hashemi
- j. George T. Pantos
- k. Jake Pantos
- l. Valorie B. Sanders
- m. Jennifer N. Tubens
- n. Joel Vargas-Muniz

## **Revocations/Suspensions**

- o. Melissa A. Fitzpatrick – revocation
- p. Bradley Sakevich – revocation
- q. Major M Smith III – revocation

## **Other**

- r. Debbie Milordo – block
- s. Rodney Beaver - revocation (T. Ramsey and A. Hasan 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 1:38 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on June 25, 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