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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
October 29, 2020**

Present: Ms. Aimee Blenner, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Thelma Ramsey
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Suzana Zeitz
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Kristen Ludman
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur
Dr. Jonathan Dauber

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 July 30, 2020. Ms. Johnson LaFleur 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:

Catherine Bladt
Liza Calache
Robyn DeSantis
Jenny Deuel

Anila Eugene
Cierra Green
Rebecca Jones
Lauren Kaiser
Mary McDermott
Naomi Rosenthal
Michael Saint Joseph

The Board had no questions for any application. Joshua McAllister-Carlani and Susanne Mancheno were on the agenda and were not present.

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 July 30, 2020 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Neysa Acosta	School Social Worker Certificate - The Board denied her application in part and granted it as to completion of medical information requirement.
Edgar Betelu	Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility– The Board denied his application.
Karen Hudson Bott	Standard Teacher of Business Computer Applications and Business-Related Information Technology; a standard Teacher of Audio/Visual Broadcast Production Technology; and a standard Teacher of Desktop Publishing – The Board granted her Teacher of Business Computer Applications and Business-Related Information Technology and denied her Teacher of Audio/Visual Broadcast Production Technology and Teacher of Desktop Publishing certificates.
Matthew Butterly	Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied his application.
Beth Ann Judge	Teacher of Family and Consumer Sciences – The Board denied her application.
Danielle Mangini	Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application.

April Provenzano

Teacher of Culinary Arts Certificate – The Board denied her application.

Marthe Salomon-Samedy

Teacher of Preschool Through Grade 3 Certificate - The Board denied her application.

Legal Committee Report

There were no hearings on the agenda.

Dr. Dauber 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 10:48 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Ms. Ludman, seconded by Ms. Johnson-LaFleur and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 12:08 pm.

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

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

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

Harry and Theresa Guerriere – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

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

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

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

Keith T. Hampton – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Hampton's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and action against out of state certificates.

Aleisha Morosco - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Morosco's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state certificates.

Brittany M. Witkowski – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Witkowski's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime as well as action against out of state certificates.

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

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

Danielle M. Jones – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Syessence L. Davis – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

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

Timothy J. Carey - 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.

Katie D. Davenport – 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 crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Sean M. DiGiovanna – 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 crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Jacqueline Kelly - 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 crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Gaeton C. Lucibello - 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.

Brie Marks - 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.

Shawn D. Cier – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision in this matter.

Barbara L. Moazamian – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to adopt the factual findings in the initial decision and to modify the penalty and dismiss the Order to Show Cause.

Thomas D. Williams – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision in this matter.

Seth Horowitz - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to block the application for certification.

Kevin Harriman - By a vote of 8-0, the Board denied the application for certification after revocation.

William McMeekan, Jr. - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to grant the application for certification after revocation.

Joseph Armstead - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to deny the Motion to Stay this matter.

Legal Consent List

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

Orders to Show Cause

- a. John Podesta
- b. Victoria Sterling-Scales

Revocations/Suspensions

- c. Robert C. Asch – revoke
- d. Stevan A. Austino – revoke
- e. Kimberly A. Bargiel -revoke
- f. Staci A. Laubauskas – revoke
- g. Velita Smith – revoke

Other

- h. Lizandra Rios – Dismissal (OAL Decision)
- i. Elizabeth Sheehy – suspension (OAL Decision)

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Board adopted a resolution honoring the service of retiring Board Member Naomi Johnson LaFleur. Dr. Dauber moved the resolution, Ms. Ludman seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

None.

Adjournment

Dr. Dauber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Johnson LaFleur and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on December 10, 2020 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