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**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
October 28, 2021**

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

**Absent:** Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak

**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. Dauber moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2021. Mr. Hasan seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote.

Dr. McNally then moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2021. Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by unanimous vote.

**Individual Credentials Review**

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

Marcie C. Brownridge  
Robert J. Finlay  
Kimberly O. Loshiavo  
Michael Nusbaum  
Jamie G. Sebastian  
Julie A. Witkowski

The Board had a question for Mr. Robert J. Finlay and Mr. Nusbaum. Both candidates provided responses to the Board. Shawn Collier was 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 Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous roll call vote, with Ms. Ramsey and Mr. Hasan recusing on the Gabriel Baltimore matter and Ms. Ludman abstaining on all. The candidates in the following cases were present at the September 17, 2021 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Gabriel Baltimore	Renewal of provisional Teacher of Business: Finance/Economics Law - The Board denied his application.
Kelly Biechler	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Medical Assisting (CTE: Medical Assisting) Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted her application.
Ashley Huggins	Teacher of English as a Second Language Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS)– The Board denied her application.
Joseph Lario	Teacher of Physical Science certificate – The Board denied his application.
James McDonnell	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Elementary K-6 certificate – The Board granted his application.
Dawn Netzel	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – the Board partially denied and partially granted her application.
Michael Steele	School Library Media Specialist Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board granted his application.

Hasan Ugur

School Counselor certificate – The Board partially denied the application and partially granted.

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Mindy Bennington

Supervisor certificate – The Board granted her application.

Jose De La Cruz Gutierrez

Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Mathematics certificate – The Board denied the application.

Alexey Kulpin

Standard certificates: Teacher of Mathematics; Teacher of Elementary Schools with Subject Matter Specialization in Grades 5-8: Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts/Literacy - The Board granted the application as to all certificates except Teacher of Mathematics.

### **Legal Committee Report**

There were two (2) hearings on the agenda. The first hearing was *IMO Certificates of John Podesta*. Mr. Podesta appeared with his counsel and made a presentation to the Board. The second hearing was *IMO Certificates of Jean Claude Santini*. Mr. Santini did not appear.

Upon conclusion of the hearings, Dr. Dauber 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 11:15 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Dr. Dauber, seconded by Mr. Hasan and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:44 am.

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

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

Frank Fuzy III – 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 accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

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

Nicholas DiPasquale – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. DiPasquale's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

Glenn Donahue - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Donahue's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

George T. Pantos – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Pantos' educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

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

Jamie Yourman - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Yourman's educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Shannon E. Lamaster - By a vote of 8-0, Board voted to suspend Ms. Lamaster's educator certificate(s) for a period of two (2) years based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Thomas Rolston - By a vote of 8-0, Board voted to suspend Mr. Rolston's educator certificate(s) for a period of one (1) year based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Donna G. Coleman - 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.

Sonya Cramer – 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.

Melissa McCoolley - 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.

Judith D. McLead - 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 crime.

Michael V. Pilate – 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.

Carrie A. Rottina - 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.

Alexander C. Sisko – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to take no action.

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

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

Alexander Gonzalez – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to retain the case from the Office of Administrative Law.

Stephanie Raphaelides – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to retain the case from the Office of Administrative Law.

Joshua Rosenbaum - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to vacate the revocation decision and reissue the order to show cause for revocation.

## **Legal Consent List**

Ms. Ludman then made a motion to adopt items a-q on the consent list below. Dr. Dauber seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Ms. Ludman abstaining and Ms. Zeitz previously recused from item o.

### **Orders to Show Cause**

- a. Sandra I. Gomez
- b. Emma Harrison
- c. Edward Limon
- d. Dana L. MacMurray
- e. Wendy Mesogianes
- f. Raymond G. Morison
- g. Mary Morris
- h. Ability Z. Mouwon
- i. Shahmir Nadjmabadi
- j. Sharon Vadovic

k. Nicole L. Walsh

### **Revocations/Suspensions**

- l. Todd Foster – revocation
- m. Nicole Oates – revocation
- n. Keyan Ostad-Hashemi – suspension
- o. Nicholas Cilento – suspension (Zeitz recusal)

### **Other**

- p. Dawn Karpinski – adopt OAL Decision dismissal
- q. Jayson V. LaVorne - adopt OAL Decision modify penalty to revocation

### **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 11:58 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on December 16, 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