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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
December 16, 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. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Kristen Ludman (left meeting after executive session)
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary

Absent: None

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 October 28, 2021. Ms. Ramsey seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote with Ms. Desiderio Orlak abstaining.

Individual Credentials Review

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

Madison Decker

Isaiah Gomez
Jason Hernould
Eric Llorente Alarcon
Nicholas Lurie
Jessica Malone
Kirk McCullough
Lauren Odoksta
Michael Paquette
Michael Redfearn
Abdelhamid Salha
Jayne L. Tanis

The Board had a question for Madison Decker. Ms. Decker provided a response.

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. Desiderio Orlak abstaining on all. The candidates in the following cases were present at the October 28, 2021 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Marcie C. Brownridge	Teacher of World Language: Spanish Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application.
Robert J. Finlay	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Business: Finance/Economics/ Law certificate – The Board granted his application.
Kimberly O. Loshiavo	Principal Certificate of Eligibility (CE) – The Board denied her application.
Michael Nusbaum	Teacher of World Language: Chinese Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) and a Teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) CEAS – The Board denied the application as moot.
Jamie G. Sebastian	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant (LDT-C) certificate – The Board denied her application.
Julie A. Witkowski	Teacher of Art Certificate of Eligibility – the Board denied her application.

Dr. McNally made a motion to adopt the decisions in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. Ms. Desiderio Orlak abstained on the vote and the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous roll call vote.

The candidate in the following case was not present at the October 28, 2021 meeting. The Board adopted the following decision:

Shawn Collier

Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application.

Legal Committee Report

There was one (1) hearing on the agenda, *IMO Certificates of Richard N. Leonard*. Mr. Leonard appeared with his counsel and made a presentation to the Board.

Upon conclusion of the hearing, 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 Ms. Ludman and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:18 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Ms. Desiderio Orlak, seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into executive session at 11:18 am.

The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 12:03 pm. Ms. Ludman did not return to the public session upon conclusion of the executive session due a scheduling conflict.

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

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

Shana Blau (Weidl) – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Richard E. Robitaille - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to transmit this matter to the Office of Administrative Law.

Keith Sattely – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Sattely’s educator certificate(s) for a period of four (4) years based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Jesmarie Soto – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Soto’s educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Jennifer Tubens - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Tubens’ educator certificate(s) for a period of four (4) years based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

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

Jean Claude Santini - By a vote of 8-0, Board voted to suspend Mr. Santini’s educator certificate(s) for a period of three (3) years based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Jorge O. Colon - 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).

Caesar A. Dommar – 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.

Thomas W. Esser - 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.

Myron L. Fairley - 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.

Andrew J. Ferrie – 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.

Joseph Gricco - 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).

Javas J. Lal – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to table the matter.

Richard O'Brien – 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).

David C. Post – 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.

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

Luna Mishoe – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law.

Legal Consent List

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

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Donna G. Coleman
- b. Sonya Cramer
- c. Melissa McCooley
- d. Judith D. McLead
- e. Michael V. Pilate
- f. Carrie A. Rottina

Revocations/Suspensions

- g. Nicholas DiPasquale – revocation
- h. Glenn Donahue – revocation
- i. George T. Pantos – suspension
- j. Jake Pantos – revocation
- k. Jamie Yourman - 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. Zeitz and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on January 21, 2022 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