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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
March 4, 2022**

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

Absent: Ms. Thelma Ramsey was absent at the start of the meeting due to an administrative conflict but joined at approximately 11:30 am and was able to attend intermittently due to the conflict.

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 January 21, 2022. Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote, with Ms. Ludman abstaining.

Individual Credentials Review

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

Kristen Agostini

Beyhan Dzelil
Stephanie Florio
Cora Jasinski
Erica Lencsak
Matthew Mignanelli
Gerardo Molina Matta (Mr. Jess recusing on this matter)
Michael-Lindsay Pizzuto
Tina Powell
Rachel Sliker
Elizabeth Wolter

The Board had a question for Ms. Sliker, to which she 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. The candidates in the following cases were present at the January 21, 2022 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Madison Decker	Teacher of Biological Sciences Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) - The Board denied her application.
Ami Dobelle	Teacher of Biological Science Certificate – The Board partially granted her application as to 6 credits in biology and denied as the 2 remaining credits in biology, with one credit at the advanced level.
Daniel Hall	Renewal of Provisional Teacher of Music Certificate – The Board granted his application.
Alvin Herron	Supervisor certificate – The Board denied his application.
Stephen Palmer	Supervisor certificate – The Board denied his application.
Emily Rose	Teacher of Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility (CE) – the Board partially granted her application by giving credit for 2 semester hour credits in bookkeeping.
Dana Seaver	Supervisor Certificate – The Board denied her application.
Melody Travisano	Teacher of English Certificate – the Board denied her application.

Ashleigh Whitmore

Principal Certificate of Eligibility (CE) – The Board denied her application.

Dr. McNally then 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 not present at the January 21, 2022 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Amanda McCaffrey

Renewal of Provisional Teacher of Biological Sciences Certificate – The Board granted her application until June 30, 2022.

Yakima Wallace

Renewal of Provisional Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 certificate – the Board granted her application for one year.

Dr. McNally then made another motion to adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion, and Dr. Dauber recused on the motion. The Board adopted the following decision:

Wayne Ernst

Teacher of Physical Science Certificate – the Board denied his application.

Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing on the agenda, *IMO Certificates of Jill Maria (Mason)*. Ms. Mason appeared and made a statement to the Board. Upon conclusion of the hearing, Dr. Dauber 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 10:49 am.

The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at approximately 11:26 am upon motion by Dr. Dauber, seconded by Dr. McNally and confirmed by unanimous vote.

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

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

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

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

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

Alexander Gonzalez - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Gonzalez’ educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Jesse Lerch – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Lerch’s educator certificate(s) for a period of two (2) years based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Steven P. Lourenco - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Lourenco’s educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Valorie Sanders - By a vote of 8-0, Board voted to revoke Ms. Sanders’ educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out of state license(s).

Oscar C. Acebo-Solis - By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Maria C. Acuria-Mack – 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.

Clive L. Carelse - 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.

Raymond W. Coxe - By a vote of 7-0, with Mr. Jess recusing, 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.

David Haggerty - 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).

Gregory J. Janicki - 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.

Tamara E. Kaplan - 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.

Hanan Malik - 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.

Kathleen R. Mandeville - By a vote of 7-0, with Mr. Jess recusing, the Board voted to take no action in this matter.

Tricia A. Rattray-Foote - 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.

Linda S. Torres - 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).

Richard Wilder - 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.

Stephen C. Margiotta - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to vacate the prior order to show cause and then to issue a new 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.

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

John Q. Angeline - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to vacate the prior order of suspension pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charge(s) and to issue a new order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Legal Consent List

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

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Mojtabaa Kahn
- b. Theodore W. Poecker
- c. Elizabeth A. Sonk

Revocations/Suspensions

- d. Jean N. Allen (Hall) – suspension
- e. George J. Hopkins – revocation
- f. Ian M. Kulis – revocation
- g. Richard N. Leonard – revocation
- h. Andrew J. Lota – revocation
- i. Elshaimaa M. Youssef – revocation

Other

- j. Kathleen Valencia – adopt initial decision with modification of penalty
- k. George E. Wilson – block application

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 Mr. Hasan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on April 7, 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