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**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
Virtual VIA MS Teams  
Trenton, New Jersey  
April 7, 2022**

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

**Absent:** Ms. Kristen Ludman  
Ms. Suzana Zeitz

**DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS, 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 March 4, 2022. Dr. McNally 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:

Tekeema Allen  
Alanis Baumgardner  
Amy Dibert  
Jacob Dickerman

Ashley Jost

The Board had no questions for any candidates.

### **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 March 4, 2022 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Kristen Agostini	Teacher of Chemistry Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) - The Board granted her application to substitute alternate education and/or experience for seven advanced level semester-hour credits of chemistry but denied substitution of alternate education and/or experience for passing the State test(s) of subject matter knowledge.
Beyhan Dzelil	Standard Teacher of Elementary School: Kindergarten through Grade 6 - The Board granted the application.
Stephanie Florio	Reading Specialist endorsement – The Board partially granted the application as to three credits in reading foundations and denied it as to the remaining three credits in a supervised practicum in reading.
Cora Jasinski Hagel	Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 (P-3) Certificate of Eligibility (CE) – The Board denied her application.
Erica Lencsak	Standard Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Mathematics Grades 5-8 certificate – The Board granted her application.
Matthew Mignanelli	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility (CE) – the Board granted his application.
Michael-Lindsay Pizzuto	Standard Educational Services Certificate with a School Nurse/non-instructional endorsement – The Board granted the application.
Tina Powell	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility (CE)– the Board denied her application.
Rachel Sliker	Educational services certificate with a School Nurse endorsement – The Board denied her application.

Elizabeth Wolter

Teacher of American Sign Language (ASL) Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board granted the application.

Dr. McNally then made a motion to adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous roll call vote, with Mr. Jess recusing. The Board adopted the following decision:

Gerardo Molina Matter

Standard Teacher of World Language: Spanish certificate – The Board partially granted the application as to three credits in second language acquisition theory and related methodologies and 21 credits in Spanish, but denied as to nine credits in Spanish at the advanced level.

### **Legal Committee Report**

There was one hearing on the agenda, *IMO Certificates of Donna Coleman*. Ms. Coleman 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 Ms. Desiderio Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:48 am.

The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at approximately 11:17 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:

Darryl Birkhead – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Luisa Blanco – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Theresa Guerriere – By a vote of 6-0, with Ms. Pearce recusing, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Jamie Patterson – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the propose consent order in this matter.

Jill Maria (Mason) – By a vote of 6-0, with Dr. Dauber recusing, the Board voted to table the matter until the May 19, 2022 meeting.

Maria Cabanes-Sanchez - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and to take no action to block the application.

Collin M. Adkisson – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

George P. Chilmonik – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Louise Damiano-Gavigan - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Andrea Diaz-Chaparro - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Christopher J. Iasiello - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Monique C. Jones - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Kyle W. Kacicz - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Melanie Ledoux - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Virginia J. Loeffler - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Vicki M. Plowden Fitzpatrick - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to tissue an Order to Show Cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Christopher E. Pond - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Stavros Siskas - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Sonia Nunez - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law.

Patrick S. Ferrante - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Jessica R. Gaeckle - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Joseph M. Gricco - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Mark A. Kinney - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Nancey A. Nikiperowicz – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to retain the case after failure to appear at the Office of Administrative Law.

Brooke Noonan – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of certificate(s).

### **Legal Consent List**

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

### **Orders to Show Cause**

- a. Oscar C. Acebo-Solis
- b. Maria C. Acuria-Mack
- c. John Q. Angeline
- d. Clive L. Carelse
- e. Raymond W. Coxe
- f. David Haggerty
- g. Gregory J. Janicki
- h. Tamara E. Kaplan
- i. Hanan Malik
- j. Stephen C. Margiotta
- k. Tricia Rattray-Foote
- l. Linda S. Torres
- m. Richard Wilder

### **Revocations/Suspensions**

- n. Timothy Egan – revocation
- o. Alexander Gonzalez – revocation
- p. Jesse Lerch – suspension
- q. Stephen Lourenco – revocation
- r. Valorie Sanders – revocation

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary provide the Board with information on proposed rules concerning the Limited CE/CEAS pilot program, as well as development of the new NJEdCert Certification system.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Dauber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Desiderio Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on May 19, 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