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**State Board of Examiners**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS**  
**May 19, 2022**

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

**Absent:** Ms. Suzana Zeitz  
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak  
Dr. Jonathan Dauber

**DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AT THE TIME, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS.**

This meeting was duly noticed pursuant to the requirements of law. In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-10a, the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice filed with the Secretary of State, and publication in Trenton Times and Star Ledger in New Jersey. Notice of the virtual access information was provided online on the Department's website, via memorandum to the Secretary of State and several other individuals and entities and is available at the physical conference room where the meeting has been conducted prior to the public health crisis.

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 April 7, 2022 (Regular Session), Amended Minutes of January 21, 2022 (Regular Session), and Executive Session Minutes of December 16, 2021, January 21, 2022, March 4, 2022, and April 7, 2022. Ms. Ludman seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote.

## **Individual Credentials Review Presentations – CTE Provisional Candidates**

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

Lisa Burns  
Khadijah Davies  
Robert Ingemi  
Kevin Kudatzky  
Kathleen Marshall  
Christina Martin  
Colleen Pascale  
Wynette Williams  
Waheetha Banu Yunus

The Board had no questions for any present candidates. Siobain O'Donnell was not present.

## **Individual Credentials Review Presentations – Other Candidates**

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

Kristen Agostini (Reconsideration)  
Stephanie Bradberry  
Jacquelyn Delgado  
Beverly Fernandez  
Angela Grone  
Shreya Murali  
Usha Raja  
Ashley Weinberg  
Elena West  
John Wittenbauer

The Board had no questions for any present 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. Ludman 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 April 7, 2022 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Tekeema Allen	Supervisor Certificate - The Board denied her application.
Alanis Baumgardner	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility – The Board Partially Granted her application as to 3 advanced level credits in English and Denied as to the remaining 2 advanced level credits in English.
Amy Dibert	Teacher of Family and Consumer Sciences: Child and Family Development Certificate of Eligibility – The Board Partially

Granted her application as to 21 credits in family and consumer sciences, including 9 at the advanced level; Denied as to the remaining 3 credits in family and consumer sciences, particularly in apparel/construction, textiles, interiors/housing and environments and related careers.

Jacob Dickerman

Teacher of Chemistry and Teacher of Physics Standard Certificates – The Board granted the applications.

Ashley Jost

Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board Denied her application.

## **Legal Committee Report**

There was one hearing on the agenda – *IMO Certificates of Frank Fuzy, III*. Mr. Fuzy was present with his counsel and several witnesses who made presentations to the Board.

Dr. McNally 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 11:26 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Ms. Ludman, seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 12:05.

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

Darryl Birkhead – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Cassandra Claycomb – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Michael Davis – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Andrea Donio – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Theresa Guerriere – Due to Board member recusals, the Board was unable to consider this matter as the recusals resulted in a lack of quorum.

Grace Jones - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Christopher Kastner - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Mary Morris - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

David C. Post - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Donna G. Coleman – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Coleman’s educator certificate(s) for a period of three (3) years based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

Jill Maria (Mason) - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Maria's educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Nicole L. Walsh – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Walsh's educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out of state certificate(s).

Michael Conway - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application.

Kelli Matthews-Spates - By a vote of 6-0, Board voted to block Ms. Matthews-Spates' application for a substitute credential.

Denis Jelcic - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

David Kane – By a vote of 6-0, 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, crime, disqualification from public school employment and action against out of state license(s).

Samantha M. Krakower - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Sabrina Milo - By a vote of 6-0, 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).

Michel A. Morrill - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Jason S. Nardachone - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Eric A. Nelsen - By a vote of 6-0, 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).

Richard V. Sullivan - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Joshua D. Valvano - By a vote of 6-0, 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, disqualification from public school employment and action against out of state license(s).

Michael D'Alessio – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision from the Office of Administrative Law.

Mohammad Abutayeb - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Frank J. Brescher - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Edward Grasso - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Bipradas Mookerjee - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Ellen Terpening - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

### **Legal Consent List**

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

### **Orders to Show Cause**

- a. Collin M. Adkisson
- b. George P. Chilmonik
- c. Louise Damiano-Gavigan
- d. Andrea Diaz-Chaparro
- e. Christopher J. Iasiello
- f. Monique C. Jones
- g. Kyle W. Kacicz
- h. Mark A. Kinney
- i. Melanie Ledoux
- j. Virginia J. Loeffler
- k. Vicki M. Plowden-Fitzpatrick
- l. Christopher E. Pond
- m. Stavros Siskas

### **Revocations/Suspensions**

- n. Sonia Nunez – Adopt Initial Decision OAL (Revocation)

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

The Board Coordinator informed the Board of the death of the Director of the Office of Student Protection, Carl Carabelli. The Board observed a moment of silence.

## **Secretary's Report**

The Board's Secretary advised of the launch date for the new certification application system NJEdCert. Mr. Jess had 2 questions concerning data migration and the ability to print out certificates.

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Ludman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Hasan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on June 30, 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