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State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
June 30, 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. Suzana Zeitz
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary

Absent: 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 May 19, 2022 (Regular and Executive Session). Ms. Ludman seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote, with Ms. Desiderio Orlak and Ms. Zeitz recusing.

Individual Credentials Review Presentations – CTE Provisional Candidates

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

Yesenia Acosta
Jonathan O. David
Guy Steward
Charles W. Weiss Jr.

The Board had no questions for any present candidates.

Individual Credentials Review Presentations – Other Candidates

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

Jeremy Abuan
Bapuji Aineri
Audrey Cannon
Doren Chapman
Sudha Chetlur
Judith Fiedel
Grace Ko
Christina Lawrence
Wala Lihmaid
Dimitrios Papamihalakis
Jaelyn Pynckels
Lisa Rawlings
Dilma Panarello Siempira
Brian Suell

The Board had a question for Ms. Rawlings. Ms. Rawlings provided a response during the meeting.

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 May 19, 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.
Stephanie Bradberry	Supervisor Certificate – The Board denied her application.
Lisa Burns	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Cosmetology/Hair Styling Certificate – the Board granted the provisional renewal.

Khadijah Davies	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Cosmetology/Hair Styling Certificate – The Board granted the application.
Jacquelyn Delgado	Supervisor Certificate – The Board denied her application.
Beverly Fernandez	Standard School Counselor Certificate – the Board granted her application.
Angela Grone	Supervisor Certificate – The Board denied her application.
Robert Ingemi	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Culinary Arts Certificate -the Board granted his application.
Kevin Kudatzky	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Graphic Design Certificate – the Board granted his application.
Kathleen Marshall	Renewal of a Provisional Cosmetology/Hair Styling Certificate – the Board granted her application.
Christina Martin	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Culinary Arts Certificate – the Board granted her application.
Shreya Murali	Teacher of Art Certificate of Eligibility – the Board denied her application.
Colleen Pascale	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Law Enforcement Certificate – the Board granted the application.
Usha Raja	Renewal of a non-citizen standard Teacher of Biological Sciences Certificate – the Board granted the application.
Ashley Weinberg	Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 (P-3) Certificate of Eligibility (CE) – the Board denied her application.
Elena West	Teacher of Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility – the Board granted her application.
Wynette Williams	Renewal of a Provisional Cosmetology/Hair Styling Certificate – the Board granted her application.
John Wittenbauer	Standard Teacher of Vocational Arts: Theater Certificate – the Board granted the application.
Waheetha Banu Yunus	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Computer Science Technology Certificate – the Board granted the application.

On a motion by Dr. McNally, seconded by Ms. Ludman, and approved unanimously by the Board, the Board voted to take the following action on the case where the candidate was not present at the May 19, 2022 meeting:

Legal Committee Report

There were no hearings on the agenda. Ms. Ludman 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. Desiderio Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:56 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Ms. Ludman, seconded by Mr. Hasan and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:39 am. Ms. Zietz was delayed in returning to the meeting, but was present at the time the Board considered the Sonya Cramer matter and thereafter.

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

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

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

Joseph D'Alessio – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause in this matter.

Marisa D'Ambola Gompertz – 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.

Theresa Guerriere - By a vote of 7-0, with Ms. Pearce recusing, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

Frank Fuzy, III – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Fuzy's educator certificate(s) for a period of three (3) years based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

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

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

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

Taylor A. Bernstein - By a vote of 8-0, Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Caleb J. Betton – 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.

Neil G. Cimniecki - 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.

Matthew N. Crowley - 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.

Michele L. Esser (Holick) - 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.

Melissa L. Gilbert (Lorenzo) - 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.

Sandy D. McKeown - 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.

Brian F. Morgan - 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.

Robert Lee Parker - 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).

Iain Partridge – 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.

Vincent R. Ramkissoon - 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.

Brett R. Yavener - 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.

Donald E. Barnes - By a vote of 7-0, with Ms. Ludman recusing, the Board voted to grant the application for certification after revocation.

Gemma Cuicci (Fitzgerald) - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of the Teacher of Handicapped Certificate.

Jena R. Librizzi – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of certificates 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, Ms. Zeitz abstained, and the motion passed unanimously.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Denis Jelcic
- b. David Kane
- c. Samantha M. Krakower
- d. Sabrina Milo
- e. Michael A. Morrill
- f. Jason S. Nardachone
- g. Eric A. Nelsen
- h. Richard V. Sullivan
- i. Joshua D. Valvano

Revocations/Suspensions

- j. Donna G. Coleman – suspension
- k. Michael D’Alessio – Adopt Initial Decision OAL (Revocation)
- l. Jill Maria (Mason) – revocation
- m. Nicole L Walsh (revocation)

Other

- n. Kelli Matthews- Spates - block

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Board read a resolution honoring the service of resigning Board member Suzana Zeitz.

Secretary’s Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Ludman 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 11:54 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on August 5, 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