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**State Board of Examiners**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS**  
**August 5, 2022**

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

**Absent:** Mr. Derek Jess  
Ms. Kristen Ludman

**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 Dayna Desiderio Orlak, Acting Chairperson, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act. She also read notice provisions regarding access to the virtual meeting.

Dr. Dauber moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 30, 2022 (Regular and Executive Session). Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote.

**Individual Credentials Review Presentations**

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

Matthew Arcure  
Natalia Sisti Cappello  
John Cash, Jr.

Erika Graham  
Daniel Loesch  
Zoraida Lorenzo  
Kaitlyn Malsky  
Peter Ottaviano  
Deena Parr  
Lisa Rawlings  
Joseph Reel  
Ashleigh Whitmore

The Board had no questions for anyone present. Ms. Nicola Myrie-Cureton was on the agenda but not present 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 Mr. Hasan 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 June 30, 2022 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Jeremy Abuan	Renewal of provisional Teacher of Computer Science Technology. The Board denied the certificate.
Yesinia Acosta	Renewal of provisional Teacher of Culinary Arts. The Board granted the certificate.
Bapuji Aineri	Renewal of Non-Citizen Standard Teacher of Physical Science. The Board granted the certificate.
Audrey Cannon	Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing. The Board partially granted 4 credits towards the 24-credit deficiency.
Doren Chapman	Preschool through Grade 3 Standard via reciprocity. The Board granted the certificate.
Sudha Chetlur	Renewal of Non-Citizen Standard Teacher of Mathematics. The Board granted the certificate.
Johnathan O. David	Renewal of provisional Teacher of Network Computer Systems. The Board granted the certificate.
Judith Fiedel	Renewal of provisional Teacher of Students with Disabilities. The Board granted the certificate for a period of one year.
Grace Ko	Reading specialist. The Board partially granted her 3 credits towards the 15-credit deficiency.
Christina Lawrence	Renewal of Emergency School Nurse Non-Instructional. The Board granted the certificate.

Wala Lihmaidi	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility. The Board denied the certificate.
Dimitrios Papamihalakis,	Renewal of provisional Teacher of Students with Disabilities. The Board granted the certificate for a period of one year.
Jaelyn Pynckels	School Counselor. The Board denied the certificate.
Dilma Panarello Siempira	Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility. The Board partially granted as to four semester hour credits in Spanish, with two at the advanced level, and denied as to the remaining 10 credits in Spanish at the advanced level as well as the examination in physiology and hygiene and the tests of basic reading and writing skills.
Guy Steward	Renewal of provisional Teacher of Law Enforcement. The Board granted the certificate.
Brian Suell	Principal Certificate of Eligibility. The Board denied the certificate.
Charles Weiss	Renewal of provisional Teacher of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration. The Board granted the certificate.

### **Legal Committee Report**

There were no hearings on the agenda. 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 Mr. Hasan and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:44 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Dr. Dauber, seconded by Mr. Hasan and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:27 am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jerel H. Wolfe - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

Scott Levy – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Levy’s educator certificate(s) for a period of one year based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

Lauren Andersen (Hill) - 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.

Gustavo A. Barrientos - 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 suspended pending the outcome of underlying criminal charges.

Brendan J. Dunne - 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.

Yolande M. Jean-Pierre - 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 crime.

Christina L. Owens - 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.

Briel Peters - 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.

Scott Silvis - 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.

Lenny Washington - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted 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.

Jonathan Coniglio – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision of the Office of Administrative Law in this matter, dismissing the Order to Show Cause.

Richard Valle - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of certificate(s) with the force and effect of revocation.

Bonnie J. Colvin Thorn - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of the Teacher of Handicapped Certificate.

Joseph Tramontana – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to retain the matter after the second failure to appear before the Office of Administrative Law.

## **Legal Consent List**

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

### **Orders to Show Cause**

- a. Taylor Bernstein

- b. Caleb J. Betton
- c. Neil G. Ciemniecki
- d. Matthew N. Crowley
- e. Michele L. Esser
- f. Melissa L. Gilbert (Lorenzo)
- g. Sandy D. McKeown
- h. Brian F. Morgan
- i. Robert Lee Parker
- j. Iain Partridge
- k. Vincent R. Ramkissoon
- l. Brett R. Yavener

### **Revocations/Suspensions**

- m. Dana L. MacMurray – revocation
- n. Shahmir Nadjmabadi - revocation
- o. Bryan Sieber – 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. Pearce and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on September 16, 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