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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
September 17, 2021**

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

Absent: Ms. Kristen Ludman
Mr. Derek Jess

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. 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 July 30, 2021. Ms. Ramsey 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:

Gabriel Baltimore (Mr. Hasan and Ms. Ramsey recused)
Kelly Biechler
Ashley Huggins

Joseph Lario
James McDonnell
Dawn Netzel
Michael Steele
Hasan Ugur

The Board had a question for Mr. Baltimore and Mr. McDonnell. Both candidates provided responses to the Board. Jose De La Cruz Gutierrez and Alexey Kulpin were not present.

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. Ramsey seconded the motion. The Board removed the Mindy Bennington matter from the agenda. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous roll call vote. The candidates in the following cases were present at the July 30, 2021 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Dante Acerbo	Additional opportunity to seek provisional employment - The Board granted his application.
Lindsay Carlsen	School Counselor certificate – The Board denied her application.
Claudia Clark	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Art certificate – The Board granted her application.
Delia DeLorenzo	Standard Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC) endorsement – The Board granted her application.
Jeremy Dusza	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application.
Glenn Langan	Renewal of Provisional Teacher of Elementary K-6 and Teacher of Elementary: Mathematics Grades 5-8 certificates – the Board granted his application.
Bethany Lau	Standard Teacher of Mathematics Certificate – The Board granted her application.
Lynn Quinn	Cooperative Education Coordinator: Hazardous Occupations endorsement – The Board partially denied the application as to the two remaining required courses and partially granted as to the one-thousand hours of employment experience in a hazardous occupation.

Lauren Roesch (Gunther)

School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted her application.

Danielle Stabler

Supervisor certificate – The Board partially granted and partially denied the application.

Legal Committee Report

There were two (2) hearings on the agenda. The first hearing was *IMO Certificates of Shannon Lamaster*. Ms. Lamaster appeared with her counsel and made a presentation to the Board. The second hearing was *IMO Certificates of Thomas Rolston*. Mr. Rolston appeared with his counsel and made a presentation to the Board.

Upon conclusion of the hearings, Dr. Dauber 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 Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:18 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Dr. Dauber, seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 12:47 pm.

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

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

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

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

Christine Lopez – By a vote of 6-0, with Dr. McNally recusing, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

Todd Foster – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Foster’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

Nicole Oates - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Oates’ certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out of state license(s).

Keyan Ostad-Hashemi – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Ostad-Hashemi’s educator certificate(s) for a period of one (1) year based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Nicholas Cilento – By a vote of 6-0, with Ms. Zeitz recusing, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Cilento’s certificate(s) for two (2) years based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Sandra I. Gomez - 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.

Emma Harrison - 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.

Edward Limon - 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 action against out of state license(s).

Dana L. MacMurray – 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.

Wendy Mesogianes - 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.

Raymond G. Morison - 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.

Ability Z. Mouwon – 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.

Shahmir Nadjmabadi - 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 action against out of state license(s).

Sharon Vadovic – 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 suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Nicole L. Walsh – 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 action against out of state license(s).

Scott Nicholson – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Dawn Karpinski – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision of the Office of Administrative Law in this matter.

Jayson V. Laverne - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision of the Office of Administrative Law in this matter but modify the penalty to revocation.

Mary Morris – 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 C. Bunchuk – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to take no action to block.

Patricia Wright – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to take no action to block.

Joseph DeShan – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to deny the request for interlocutory review.

Legal Consent List

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

Orders to Show Cause

- a. George J. Hopkins
- b. Kimberly Killion
- c. Ian M. Kulis
- d. Andrew J. Lota
- e. Ashley A. Markovic
- f. Jared L. Moskowitz
- g. Rodolfo A. Pichardo
- h. Howard Zlotkin

Revocations/Suspensions

- i. Mariann C. Balmann – revocation
- j. Bruce Bassetti - suspension
- k. Katie D. Davenport - revocation
- l. Brett D. Holeman - suspension

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported on the Department of Education's new organizational chart.

Adjournment

Dr. Dauber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on October 28, 2021 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