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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
January 26, 2023**

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

Absent: Dr. Jonathan Dauber

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.

Ms. Ludman moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 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:

Don Biery
Jocelyn Alfaro Cuartocruz
Jennifer Ege
Sean Fitzpatrick
Yazmin Moreno
Ashley Trotta

The Board had a question for Ms. Moreno regarding her drafting experience. Ms. Moreno provided a response.

The following applicants were unable to attend the meeting:

Kelly Czysz
Catherine E. Markowitz
Kaitlyn Struss

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. 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 December 9, 2022 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Lisa Boymann	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Culinary Arts Certificate - The Board granted the application.
Maria C. Crisostomo	School Counselor Certificate - The Board denied the application.
Timothy Pace Duggan	Teacher of Chemistry Certificate - The Board denied the application.
Matthew R. Esposti	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied the application.
Reinaldo Hernandez	Renewal of a Provisional Teacher of Spanish Certificate - The Board granted the application for one year.
Michelle Melucci	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Science Grades 5-8 certificate- The Board granted the application.

Victoria Minnick	Teacher of Art Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied the application.
Lisa Marie Petri	Teacher of English and Teacher of Reading certificates – The Board denied the applications.
LoriAnn Reeves	Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 (P-3) Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied the application.
Twanda Washington	Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 (P-3) Limited Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the application.

Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing on the agenda, *IMO Certificates of Tarley Cooper*. The Board called Mr. Cooper’s name for attendance several times over the course of the meeting, but Mr. Cooper did not appear.

Ms. Ludman 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 10:47 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Dr. McNally, seconded by Ms. Ludman and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:38 am.

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

Raymond W. Coxe – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order.

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

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

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

Al Jefferson - By a vote of 5-0, with Ms. Ramsey and Mr. Hasan recusing, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order.

Tricia A. Rattray-Foote - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

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

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

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

Corey LaBov – 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 suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Reese J. Lachner - 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 suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state certificate(s).

Carlos A. Menendez - 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 suspended pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges and the action taken against out of state certificate(s).

Michael B. Nicholson – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted 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.

Marc Petrick - 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.

Gina Marie Tischio - 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 conduct.

Mark V. Amatucci - 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 conduct.

Neil G. Ciemniecki – 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 conduct and crime.

Carlos Rodriguez – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Theresa Guerriere – By a vote of 6-0, with Ms. Pearce recusing, the Board voted to deny the motion to stay the revocation.

Sonya Breaux – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block Ms. Breaux’s application for certification.

Shanta R. Brock – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block Ms. Brock’s application for certification.

Tris S. Groome - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block Ms. Brock's application for certification.

Yakik Rumley – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to retain the matter from the Office of Administrative Law after Mr. Rumley failed to appear.

Richard Chambers – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law, suspending Mr. Chambers' educational certificate(s).

Antionette M. Terlizzi - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law, suspending Ms. Terlizzi's educational certificate(s).

Shawn C. Lee - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of certificate(s) with the force and effect of revocation.

Francisco A. Realpe - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of certificate(s) with the force and effect of revocation.

Luna Mishoe – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to grant interlocutory review and will consider the matter at its next meeting.

Legal Consent List

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

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Casey A. Blaha
- b. Scott Blanford
- c. Marcus J. Bridgers
- d. Margaret Chaplin (Scrimali)
- e. Jamie L. Gellock
- f. SarahJane Melick (Freeman)
- g. Justin W. Nadal
- h. Ivory E. Pardo

Revocations/Suspensions

- i. Jason Nardachone – revocation
- j. Clive L. Carelse – revocation

Ms. Ludman then made a motion to adopt item k on the consent list below. Dr. McNally recused, Ms. Pearce seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Other

k. Michael G. Steele – block (Dr. McNally recuse)

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Secretary’s Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Orlak made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Ramsey and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on March 3, 2023 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