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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
March 3, 2023**

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

Absent: Ms. Kristen Ludman

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. Desiderio Orlak moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2023 (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:

Jessika Baldini
Priyanka Priyesh Bhishnurkar
Onika Burrowes
Jeremy Cohen
Joshua Freimark
Robert Gilinsky
Melissa Leonforte
Eileen MacDonald
Delsheka Palmer
Barbara M. Parker
Melanie Rudden

The Board had no questions for the candidates. Mr. Freimark noted an employment change for the Board.

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. Desiderio 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 January 26, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Don Biery	Supervisor certificate - The Board denied the application.
Jocelyn Alfaro Cuartocruz	Teacher of Health Occupations Certificate of Eligibility - The Board granted the application.
Jennifer Ege	School Social Worker certificate - The Board granted the application.
Sean Fitzpatrick	Teacher of Comprehensive Business certificate - The Board denied the application.
Yazmin Moreno	Teacher of Drafting and Design Technology Certificate of Eligibility - The Board granted the application.
Ashley Trotta	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant (LDT-C) certificate - The Board denied the application.

Dr. McNally then made another 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 not present at the January 26, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Kelly Czysz	Supervisor certificate – The Board partially granted the application as to the required three years of successful full-time teaching experience, three graduate-level credits in general principles of instructional staff supervision in preschool through grade 12, and three graduate-level elective credits in curriculum design and development and partially denied it as to the three graduate-level credits in general principles of curriculum design and development for preschool through grade 12 and three graduate-level elective credits in instructional staff supervision and/or curriculum design and development.
Catherine E. Markowitz	Teacher of Agriculture certificate – The Board denied the application.
Kaitlyn Struss	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility - The Board granted the application.

Legal Committee Report

There were no hearings on the agenda. Accordingly, 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 Ms. Pearce and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:04 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 12:00 pm.

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

Emma Harrison – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order.

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

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

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

Carrie A. Rottina - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order.

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

David Kane – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Kane’s educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

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

Joshua D. Valvano - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Valvano’s educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Tarley Cooper - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Cooper’s educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and action against out of state license(s).

Candice O. Bland – 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, plea agreement, and forfeiture of public employment.

Nicholas L. Brozina - 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 suspended pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

John P. Burdi - 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 underlying conduct.

Aubree J. Deminski (Gurkovich) – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted issue 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.

Joshua Freimark - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted not to take action in this matter.

Stacy Lockwood (Ewing) - 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.

Elizabeth M. Mansfield - 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 her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of conduct.

Matthew J. Maxwell – 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.

Christopher G. Miller – 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 and disqualification from public school employment.

Dana Sermabekian – 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.

David E. Staggers – By a vote of 5-0, with Mr. Hasan and Ms. Ramsey recusing, 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 conduct.

Edward A. Sterbach – 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.

Carlos Rodriguez - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to table the matter to allow time for additional review.

Luna Mishoe – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to deny the motion for interlocutory review and adopt the order of the Office of Administrative Law.

Lora M. Cimiluca – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to retain the matter following a failure to appear at the Office of Administrative Law.

Jernee Kollock – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law, dismissing the matter.

James McMullan – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law with a modification of the penalty to a 2-year suspension.

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

Legal Consent List

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

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Mark V. Amatucci
- b. Neil G. Ciemniecki
- c. Corey LaBov

- d. Reese Lachner
- e. Carlos A. Menendez
- f. Michael B. Nicholson
- g. Marc Petrick
- h. Gina Marie Tischio

Revocations/Suspensions

- i. Collin M. Adkission – revocation
- j. Richard Chambers – revocation
- k. George P. Chilmonik – revocation
- l. Stavros Siskas – revocation
- m. Antoinette M. Terlizzi – suspension
- n. Richard Wilder – revocation

Other

- o. Sonya Breaux – block
- p. Shanta R. Brock – block
- q. Tris S. Groome – block

Dr. Dauber then made a motion to adopt item r on the consent list below. Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded, and Ms. Pearce recused, and the motion passed unanimously.

Other – Recusal

- r. Theresa Guerriere – deny motion to stay (Pearce Recusal)

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. Desiderio Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on April 13, 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