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State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
October 27, 2023

Present: Laurie Fichera, Deputy Attorney General
Susan Nardone, Credentials Appeals Coordinator, State Board of Examiners
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Melissa Pearce
Ms. Kristen Ludman
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Mr. Derek Jess
Mr. Abdul Saleem Hasan
Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary

Absent: Ms. Thelma Ramsey

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 the September 21, 2023 and Special meeting of October 3, 2023 (Regular and Executive Session). Kristen Ludman seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote with Ms. Orlak abstention.

Individual Credentials Review Presentations

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

Christina Farrow
Jacqueline N. Freund
Karah M. Knoepfel
Martina McCarthy
Kayley Moran
Christian Parelli
Jeffrey P. Pierce
Jonathan Hoyt Warner
Robert Wiacek

The following applicants were unable to attend the meeting.

Mounir Baroudi
Letitia A. Becker
Hanson Dankwa
Miosotty D. Martinez
Narha Nezius

The Board had questions for Ms. Farrow, Ms. Freund and Ms. Iansito (Knoepfel). It had no questions for any other candidates.

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. Kristen Ludman seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous roll call vote with Ms. Orlak abstaining on the matter. The candidates in the following cases were present at the September 21, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Fatihah Abdur-Rahman	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied the application.
Daniel Jonathan Baltodano	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Students with Disabilities certificate - The Board denied the application.
Lisa Bowen	Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 Limited Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied the application.

Jeffrey Hering	Teacher of General Health Science- The Board denied the application.
Brett Lubreski	Teacher of Comprehensive Business certificate Standard Certificate - The Board partially granted the application as to the writing and mathematics basic skills requirements and the Business Law course, and partially denied as to the three semester-hour credits in Accounting and a course in Economics.
Brittany S. McHugh	School Psychologist certificate – The Board denied the application.
Aysha V. Notice	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three certificate - The Board denied the application.
Aracely Pilla	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Bilingual/Bicultural Education certificate – The Board denied the application.
Fe Ligaya Ventura Salvania	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied the application.
Ashley E. Warren	Principal Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied the application.
Yonaton Hillel Yares	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility - The Board partially granted the application as to the English subject matter knowledge test requirement and partially denied as to the 24 semester-hour credits in English with 12 of those credits at the advanced level.

Dr. McNally then 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 with Ms. Orlak’s abstention. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the September 21, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Jeffrey Hering	Teacher of Psychology Limited Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied the application.
George Espinoza Zambrano	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Mathematics Grades 5-8 Limited Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied the application.

Dr. McNally then made a motion to adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Ludman seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous roll call vote with Ms. Orlak abstaining on the matter.

Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing on the agenda, *IMO Certificates of Ms. Sharonda Allen*. Ms. Allen and her counsel, Mr. William Hannan, Esq., were present for the hearing.

During her hearing Ms. Allen noted her working relationship with Mr. Hassan. Mr. Hassan will be recusing himself from this matter when we deliberate and when it is time to vote.

Ms. Ludman made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding matters on the Consent Order portion of the agenda, which was duly seconded by Ms. Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:07 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 11:30 am.

On return to the public meeting, Mr Jess turned the meeting over to Ms. Pearce to continue the Legal committee report.

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

Vicki Plowden- By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to table the matter.

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

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

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

Vickie Plowden – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to withdraw the request for a hearing at the Office of Administrative Law regarding the May 19, 2022 Order to Show Cause, Agency Docket Number 1920-157.

Vincent Cinquina – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Cinquina’s educator certificate(s) given no material facts are in dispute, based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

Gail M. Hadley – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Hadley’s educator certificate(s) given no material facts are in dispute, based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct is unbecoming a teacher and disqualification from public school employment.

Nicholas W. Fardin- 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 conduct.

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

Nicholas L. Brozina- By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Hadley’s educator certificate(s) given no material facts are in dispute, based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime is unbecoming a teacher and disqualification from public school employment.

Amy Czop-Bartley- By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Czop-Bartley’s educator certificate(s) given no material facts are in dispute, based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime is unbecoming a teacher and action against out of state license.

David Haggerty - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to reject the decision from OAL and find that the ALJ found sufficient facts to warrant revocation.

Legal Consent List

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

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Nahri M. Hickman
- b. Christopher R. Ichochea

Revocations/Suspensions

- c. Anthony Anzalone
- d. Joseph Brausam

e. Nicole Maffucci

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. Ludman and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on December 8, 2023 either in the first-floor conference room, 100 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Minutes prepared by Cori Fornasier

Minutes certified by Rani Singh, Secretary