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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
December 8, 2023**

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

Absent: Mr. Derek Jess

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 Ms. 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. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the October 27, 2023 meeting (Regular and Executive Session). Ms. Kristen Ludman seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote.

Dr. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the November 16, 2023 special meeting (Regular and Executive Session). Ms. Ludman 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:

Eladio Conchas Guzman
Peter A. Michael
Tiffany Pilo-Boehm
Lumy Rodriguez
Amanda Rosa
David Seamon
Riley Zoldi

The following applicants were unable to attend the meeting.

Tracee Jones
Curt Nath

The Board had no questions for any of the 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. Melissa Pearce 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 October 27, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Christina Farrow	School Counselor certificate – The Board granted the application.
Jacqueline N. Freund	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Students with Disabilities certificate - The Board granted the renewal for one year.
Karah M. Knoepfel	School Library Media Specialist Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board granted the application.

Martina McCarthy	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied the application.
Kayley Moran	Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility – The Board partially granted the application as to three advanced-level credits in biology and partially denied as to the remaining six advanced-level credits in biology.
Christian Parelli	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility – The Board partially granted the application as to the study of individual and team sports and partially denied as to study in adaptive physical education and seven semester-hour credits in health.
Jeffrey P. Pierce	Supervisor certificate – The Board denied the application.
Robert Wiacek	Teacher of Carpentry Certificate of Eligibility (CE) and a Teacher of Cabinet Making/Millwork CE – The Board granted the applications.

Dr. McNally then made a motion to adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Pearce 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 October 27, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Mounir Baroudi	Teacher of Psychology Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted the application.
Hanson Dankwa	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Mathematics certificate – The Board granted the renewal for one year.
Miosotty D. Martinez	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Spanish certificate – The Board granted the renewal for one year.
Narha Nezius	Supervisor certificate – The Board denied the application.

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

Jonathan Hoyt Warner	Teacher of Latin certificate – The Board denied the application.
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Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing on the agenda, *IMO Certificates of Sean I. Huggins*. Mr. Huggins and his counsel, Ms. Nicole Atlak, Esq., were present for the hearing.

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 Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:06 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 11:56 am.

On return to the public meeting, Ms. Orlak turned the meeting over to Ms. Ludman to continue the Legal committee report.

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

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

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

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

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

Elizabeth Sonk - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Sonk'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.

Sharonda Allen – By a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Abdul Saleem Hasan and Ms. Ramsey recusing, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Allen's educator certificate(s) for one year given no material facts are in dispute, based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct is unbecoming a teacher.

Kelly Andriessen – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to take no action in this matter.

Adam Berch – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to block Mr. Berch's application.

Karen Bobb – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to deny the application for certification after revocation.

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

Joseph DeShan – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law.

Mary Jo Kinderzierski – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to withdraw the Order to Show Cause.

Gaeton Lucibello – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law.

Keilan Scott – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to reject the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law and remand for a fact finding hearing.

Zachary Smith – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to remand the matter to the Office of Administrative Law.

Myron Fairley – matter was removed from the agenda

Michael C. Grant – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to vacate the original Order to Show Cause.

Vickie Plowden – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to withdraw the May 19, 2022 Order to Show Cause. By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to rescind the September 2023 motion to block the application. By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to block the June 2023 application.

Legal Consent List

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

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Nicholas W. Fardin

Revocations/Suspensions

- b. Nicholas L. Brozina - revocation
- c. Vincent Cinquina - revocation
- d. Amy Czop-Bartley - revocation
- e. Gayle M. Hadley - revocation
- f. David Haggerty - revocation

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 12:05 pm.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on January 19, 2023 either in the first-floor conference room, 100 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Fichera

Minutes certified by Rani Singh, Secretary