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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
August 4, 2023**

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

Absent: Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. Thelma Ramsey
Mr. Abdul Saleem Hasan

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. Orlak moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Special Meeting on June 5, 2023 (Regular and Executive Session). Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote with Ms. Ludman abstaining.

Dr. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the June 29, 2023 (Regular and Executive Session). Ms. Orlak seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote with Ms. Ludman abstaining.

Individual Credentials Review Presentations

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

Christina Campbell
Xi Chen
Christopher Michael Cordiano
Gina M. Edmond
Jennifer Lasko
Lauren P. McCarthy
Askiaa J. Nash
Johanna Rivera
William Russell Rohrbach
Yara R. Salman
Albino Romano Scrivanich

The following applicants were unable to attend the meeting.

Mark Certo
Jordan De Vesty
Jason Kelsey
Sage R. Schmidt
Marilyn Vazquez

The Board had a question for Ms. Campbell regarding her completion of a specific course. 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. 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 June 29, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Erin Devlin	Standard Teacher of Elementary Grades K-6 certificate - The Board granted the application.
Jessica Fava-Cutrona	Principal Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied the application.
Robert Finlay	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Business: Finance/Economics/Law certificate - The Board denied the application.

Lisa Lord	Standard School Counselor certificate - The Board partially granted the application as to the three graduate level semester-hour credits in psychology and partially denied as to the remaining nine graduate level semester-hour credits in statistics and research methods and a supervised counseling practicum in a preschool through grade 12 setting.
Jamarius Nickerson	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of English certificate - The Board denied the application.
Ann Petrucelli	Supervisor certificate - The Board partially granted the application as to the three graduate level credits in general principles of instructional staff supervision in preschool through grade 12 and partially denied as to the requirement to hold a standard New Jersey instructional or educational services certificate or its out-of-state equivalent, and complete three years of successful, full-time teaching or educational services experience under an appropriate New Jersey certificate.
Makenna Sacco	School Counselor certificate - The Board granted the application.
Diane Strickland	Teacher of Psychology Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the application.
Amy M. Williams	Standard Teacher of Marine Science certificate – The Board granted the application.

Dr. McNally then 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 not present at the June 29, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Danielle M. D’Alessandro	Standard Teacher of Engineering Technology certificate – The Board denied the application.
Katherine Opal-Flower	Supervisor certificate – The Board denied the application.
Sarah H. Lee	Standard Teacher of Mathematics certificate – The Board denied the application.
Omar Martinez	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of English as a Second Language (TESL) certificate – the Board denied the application.

Justin Roach Standard Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TOSD) certificate – The Board denied the application.

Meghan C. Salvatore Renewal of an Emergency School Nurse Non-Instructional certificate – The Board denied the application as moot.

Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing on the agenda, *IMO Certificates of Joseph J. Brausam*. Mr. Brausam appeared before the Board and made statements on his behalf.

Upon conclusion of the hearing, 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 Ms. Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:55 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Ms. Ludman, seconded by Ms. Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:30 am.

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

Raymond W. Coxe – By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Thomas F. Fien - By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Andrew Hernandez – By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Stacy A. Lockwood - By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Ivory E. Pardo – By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter, relinquishing certificate(s) with the force and effect of revocation.

Caleb Betton - By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Betton's educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct.

Marcus J. Bridgers – By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Bridgers educator certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Corey W. LaBov - By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause in this matter.

Robert S. Armstrong - By a vote of 5-0, 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 crime and conduct and disqualification from public school employment.

Rebecca S. Dean - By a vote of 5-0, 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 and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Thomas H. Meier - By a vote of 5-0, 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 underlying conduct.

William C. Penkethman – By a vote of 5-0, 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.

Cara L. Steinberg – By a vote of 5-0, 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).

Jamie L. Gellock – By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to vacate the original order to show cause and then to issue a new 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.

Edward M. Gicherman – By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of certificate(s) with the force and effect of revocation.

Randi Drogin – By a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision of the Office of Administrative Law with modification of the penalty to a 6 month suspension.

Legal Consent List

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

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Regis A. Foster, Jr.
- b. Craig A. Levin
- c. Shannon M. Kennedy
- d. Frank H. Thompson

Revocations/Suspensions

- e. Margaret Chaplin (Scrimali) – suspension
- f. Stephanie Espana – revocation
- g. Kelly Ann Howley – revocation
- h. Sarah Jane Melick (Freeman) - suspension
- i. Christina L. Owens – revocation

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Board adopted a resolution honoring the service of Kimberly A. Gatti, Coordinator. The motion was moved by Ms. Ludman and seconded by Ms. Orlak and passed unanimously. Ms. Gatti expressed appreciation for the Board.

Secretary’s Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Ludman 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 11:53 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on September 21, 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