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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
September 21, 2023**

Present: Laurie Fichera, Deputy Attorney General
Bryan T. Eggert, Legal and External Services, Legal Affairs
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Melissa Pearce
Ms. Kristen Ludman
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Thelma Ramsey
Mr. Abdul Saleem Hasan
Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary

Absent: Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak

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.

Kristen Ludman moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the August 4, 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:

Fatihah Abdur Rahman.
Daniel Johnathon Baltodano
Lisa Bowen
Christine Klenk
Brett Lubreski
Brittany S. McHugh
Aysha Notice
Aracely Pilla
Fe Ligaya Ventura Salvania
Ashley Warren
Yonaton Hillel Yares

The following applicants were unable to attend the meeting.

Jeffery Hering
George Espinoza Zambrano

The Board had a question for Mr. Campbell regarding how many courses he had completed to get his endorsement. 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. Thelma Ramsey seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous roll call vote with Mr. Jesse abstaining on the matter he was recused from (H). The candidates in the following cases were present at the August 4, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Christina Campbell	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Students with Disabilities certificate The Board granted the application for a oneyear period.
Xi Chen	Teacher of Chinese Certificate of Eligibility - The Board granted the application.
Christopher M. Cordiano	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Social Studies - The Board denied the application.

Gina M. Edmond	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the application.
Jennifer Lasko	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility- The Board partially granted the application as to three semester-hour credits in physical education and study in individual, team and dual sports and Partially denied as to the remaining 12.5 semester-hour credits in physical education, five semester-hour credits in health, and the required 3.00 cumulative GPA.
Lauren P. McCarthy	Supervisor certificate – The Board partially granted as to three graduate-level elective credits in curriculum design and development and partially denied as to the remaining nine graduate-level credits required for certification as a Supervisor.
Johanna Rivera	Teacher of World Language: Spanish Limited Certificate of Eligibility- The Board Partially granted as to one semester-hour credit in Spanish and partially denied as to the 12 remaining advanced level semester-hour credits in Spanish.
William Russell Rohrbach	Standard Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Aircraft Technology certificate – The Board granted the application.
Yara R. Salman	Standard School Counselor certificate – The Board granted the application.
Albino Romano Scrivanich	Standard Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Aircraft Technology Certificate of Eligibility- The Board denied the application.

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. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the August 4, 2023 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Mark Certo	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility- The Board denied the application.
Jordan deVesty	Renewal of a provisional Teacher of Students with Disabilities - The Board denied the application.

Jason Kelsey	Standard Teacher of Marine Science certificate – The Board granted the application.
Sage R. Schmidt	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the application.
Marilyn Vazquez	Teacher of Bilingual/Bicultural Education Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted the application.

Dr. McNally recused herself for the next item.

Mr. Jesse than 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 Dr. McNally abstaining on the matter she was recused from (P).

Legal Committee Report

There were two hearing on the agenda, *IMO Certificates of Mr. Vincent Cinquina, and IMO Certificates of Ms. Gayle M. Hadley*. Mr. Cinquina was called, he was not present. Ms. Hadley and her council notified the Board before the meeting they decided to have a hearing on the papers.

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 10:49 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Dr. McNally, seconded by Mr. Hasan and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:12 am.

On return to the public meeting Mr. Jesse noted Ms. Cinquina was present. Mr. Jesse offered Mr. Cinquina this time for his hearing. Upon conclusion of the hearing, Mr Jesse 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:

Raymond W. Coxe – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter, relinquishing certificate(s) with the force and effect of revocation.

Michael J Fulton - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter, relinquishing certificate(s) with the force and effect of revocation.

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

Joseph Brausam- By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Brausam's educator certificate(s) for a period of one (1) year based upon the level and nature of the underlying conduct .

Nari Hickman– 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 the conduct.

Christopher Icochea - 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 and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

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

Vicki Plowden - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to block the application until the pending decision from OAL.

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

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

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

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

Nicole Maffucci - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the decision from OAL, finding unbecoming conduct, but modifying the penalty to a one (1) year 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. Robert S. Armstrong
- b. Rebecca S. Dean
- c. Jamie Gellock
- d. Thomas H. Meier

- e. William C. Penkethman
- f. Cara L. Steinberg

Revocations/Suspensions

- g. Caleb Betton-revocation
- h. Marcus J. Bridgers - revocation
- i. Randi Drogen- suspension

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Board adopted a resolution honoring the service of Dr. Jonathan Dauber, Legal Chair , New Jersey State Board of Examiners. The motion was moved by Dr. McNally and seconded by Ms. Ludman and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Ludman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Hasan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on October 27, 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