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**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
November 1, 2024**

Present: Dr. Jorden Schiff
Ms. Gargi Adhikari
Mr. Robert Ford
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Kristen Ludman
Ms. Michelle McGreivey
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Melissa Pearce
Mr. Kevin Pfister
Dr. Thelma Ramsey
Dr. Carmela Somershoe

Absent: None

Others: Rani Singh, Secretary
Ryan Silver, Deputy Attorney General
Laurie Fichera, Coordinator, State Board of Examiners

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 Dr. Jorden Schiff, Chairperson, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act. He also read the notice provisions regarding access to the virtual meeting.

Ms. Laurie Fichera took the roll call and determined there was a quorum for the meeting.

Ms. Kristen Ludman moved to adopt the minutes of the September 19, 2024, meeting (Regular and Executive Session). Ms. Melissa Pearce seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a vote of 9-0 with abstentions from Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak and Ms. Michelle McGreivey.

Individual Credentials Review Presentations

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

William A. Dawson
Jenna Holtzman

The following applicants were not present to respond to any questions from the Board regarding their applications:

Latson W. Cockfield
Kimberly Lopes

The Board had questions for Mr. William A. Dawson.

Credentials Review Consent List

Ms. Orlak made a motion to adopt the decisions in items “a” through “j” on the credentials review consent list, candidates who were present at the September 19, 2024, meeting, and Dr. Thelma Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a vote of 9-0, with abstentions from Ms. Orlak and Ms. McGreivey.

Ms. Orlak made a motion to adopt the decision in item “k” on the credentials review consent list, candidates who were not present at the September 19, 2024, meeting, and Dr. Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a vote of 9-0, with abstentions from Ms. Orlak and Ms. McGreivey.

The candidates in the following cases were present at the September 19, 2024, meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Derek Keith Cason	Provisional Teacher of Television Broadcasting – The Board denied the renewal of the provisional certificate.
Rossana De Papado	Teacher of World Language: Spanish Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.

Alyssa DeBlasis	Teacher of Elementary K-6 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied the certificate.
Francoise Dragonetti	Teacher of Preschool Through Grade 3 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied the certificate.
Joshua Freimark	Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Allison Hornberger	Teacher of Elementary K-6 standard certificate – The Board denied the certificate.
Alexandria Kerr	Teacher of Elementary K-6 Limited Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Erin Lichtenwalner	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted the certificate.
Vicki Patrizio	Cooperative Education Coordinator certificate – The Board granted the certificate.
Richard Shahpazian	Teacher of Comprehensive Family and Consumer Sciences Limited Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.

The candidate in the following case was not present at the September 19, 2024 meeting. The Board adopted the following decision:

Joanne Colvin	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted the certificate.
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Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing on the agenda, *IMO Certificates of Raymond Morison*. Mr. Morison appeared before the Board, along with his legal counsel, Mr. Dean Whittman. Esq. Mr. Morison made statements to the Board on his own behalf.

Ms. Orlak made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding matters on the Legal Consent Order portion of the agenda, which was duly seconded by Dr. Ramsey and carried by a vote of 11-0. The Board went into closed session at 11:03 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Ms. Orlak, seconded by Mr. Pfister and carried by a vote of 11-0. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 12:19 pm.

On return to the public meeting, Dr. Schiff 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:

David Aufiero – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Ernesto Austin – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Thomas Fien – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Thomas Fuller – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Paul Henshaw – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Melissa Hilliard – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Charles Jannetti – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Robert D. Kohn– By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Thomas Meier – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Wendy Mesogianes – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Vincent R. Ramkissoon – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Joshua Rosenbaum – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Gina M. Tischio – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Robert S. Armstrong – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted given that no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of conduct and crime and due to being disqualified from employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education, the appropriate penalty is revocation.

David Calero – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted given that no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of conduct and crime and due to being disqualified from employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education, the appropriate penalty is revocation.

Sean Huggins – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to take no action.

Renata D. Alford – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be suspended based on level and nature of conduct.

Justin P. Arlington – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct.

Salvatore DiStefano – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct.

Christina Glen – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct.

Maria C. (Gomez)Herrera – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct.

Kimara Ramsey – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct.

Ishia Robinson – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct.

Ali Ali – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to block the application for certification.

Patrick Cook – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to block the application for certification.

Alicia Cuttita – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to table the matter.

Katina (Argiropoulos) Flatsousis – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and conditions as a revocation.

Al Jefferson – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to return the matter to the Office of Administrative Law.

Jenny DiVone – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification after revocation.

Kenyada A. Mitchell – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to block the application for certification after revocation.

Tamara Reyes – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to table the matter.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Ludman then made a motion to adopt items a -w on the legal consent list below. Ms. Pearce seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 8-0, with Mr. Derek Jess, Ms. McGreivey and Mr. Ford abstaining.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Maria D. Gomez
- b. Marti L. Helmick
- c. Jonathan C. Howell
- d. Michele Nycz
- e. Paul Pena
- f. Iman H. Rahim
- g. Rosa (DaSilva) Teixeira
- h. Raisah Thomas
- i. Andrew (Garcia) Villiez
- j. Andrew Wepner

Revocations/Suspensions

- k. Rebecca Dean - Revocation
- l. Nahri M. Hickman - Revocation
- m. Reese Lachner - Revocation
- n. Joseph Ohrt - Revocation
- o. David J. McKenna - Revocation
- p. Theodore W. Poecker – Suspension

Other

- l. Joann Beam – block application
- r. Travis Brown - block application
- s. Darlene Donahue – deny application for certification after revocation
- t. Terrell Gambill - block application

- u. Matthew Hoiem - block application
- v. Noel P. Sims - block application
- w. Stacy Wilcox – block application

Old Business

None.

New Business

None

Secretary's Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Ludman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Orlak and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 11-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm.

The next regularly scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on December 6, 2024, 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