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STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
September 18, 2026

Present: Mr. Ambrose Duckett
Ms. Gargi Adhikari
Mr. Robert Ford
Ms. Michelle McGreivey
Ms. Melissa Pearce
Mr. Kevin Pfister
Dr. Thelma Ramsey

Absent: Mr. Derek Jess

Others: Kimberly A. Gatti, Acting Secretary
Ryan Silver, Deputy Attorney General
Laurie Fichera, Coordinator, State Board of Examiners
Debra Perez, Credentials Review 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 several digital editions of newspapers and posting at the Department of Education. Notice of virtual access information was provided online on the Department of Education's Public Notice webpage, on the State Board of Examiners' website and via a public notice weblink on the Secretary of State's Statewide Legal Notices Listings webpage.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ambrose Duckett, 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. Kimberly A. Gatti, Acting Secretary, State Board of Examiners, took roll call and determined there was a quorum for the meeting.

Mr. Duckett entertained the motion to adopt the minutes of the August 7, 2026, meeting (Regular and Executive Sessions), Mr. Melissa Pearce made the motion, and Dr. Thelma Ramsey seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

Individual Credentials Review Presentations

The following applicants attended the September 18,2026, meeting to respond to any questions from the Board regarding their applications:

Iris Marta Alvarado-Espada
Jessica N. Alzate-Roldan
Mahaley Stewart Bowles
Michael DePaolo
Talj B. Howard
Sean Monteith
Gisset Pena
Rose A. Ravelle
Laura Romito
Jeremy Watson

The following applicants did not attend the September 18, 2026, meeting:

Shea Keenan
Stefanny Viruet

Credentials Review Consent List

Mr. Robert Ford made a motion to adopt the decisions in items "a" through "l" on the credentials review consent list, for the candidates who was present at the August 7, 2026, meeting, and Ms. Pearce seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

The candidates in the following cases were present at the August 7, 2026, meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Muhammed U. Arshad	Application for a Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted the certificate.
Rachel Fieldman	Application for Teacher of Bioengineering CTE Standard Certificate – The Board denied the certificate.

Kristin Harrison	Application for a Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3, Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Stephanie Lott	Application for a Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3, Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Michael Joseph Marquis	Application for a Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Kimberly Munroe	Applications for a Standard Supervisor certificate and a Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied both certificates.
Ifra Rashid	Application for an Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Donna Raskin	Application for a Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied the certificate.
Chiana Rodriquez	Application for an Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 Limited Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Mauricio Leonardo Santos	Application for Teacher of Social Studies Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Nicholas Shirley	Application for a Provisional Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted the certificate with an expiration of December 31, 2027 and specific to employment with the Hamilton Township Public School District.

Legal Committee Report

The Board heard two hearings, one in the Matter of the Certificates of Christina L. Owens, Docket Number 2122-198, and one in the Matter of the Certificates of Vincent Vespe, Docket Number 2425-159. Ms. Owens and her legal counsel, Mr. Evan Goldman, appeared and provided testimony to the Board. Mr. Vespe appeared and provided testimony to the Board.

Ms. Ford made a motion to go into the executive session to receive legal advice regarding matters on the Legal Consent Order portion of the agenda, which was duly seconded by Ms. Pearce and carried by a vote of 7-0. The Board went into closed session at 11:16 am. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 12:31 pm.

Ms. Pearce made a motion to return to public session, and Ms. Gargi Adhikari seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

On return to the public meeting, Mr. Duckett then 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:

Travis Brown, Docket No. 2425-200 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Mishawn Jack, Docket No. 2425-315 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the terms and conditions of the proposed consent order in this matter.

Alexis Nicole Meister, Docket No. 2425-302 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the terms and conditions of the proposed consent order in this matter.

Tinasiah Mitchell, Docket No. 2425-162 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the terms and conditions of the proposed consent order in this matter.

Douglas Petty, Docket No. 2223-174 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the terms and conditions of the proposed consent order in this matter.

Laszlo Pokorny, Docket No. 2425-189 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the terms and conditions of the proposed consent order in this matter.

Joshua Rosenbaum, Docket No. 1819-237 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the terms and conditions of the proposed consent order in this matter.

Pamela Thomas Docket No. 2425-182 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the terms and conditions of the proposed consent order in this matter.

Khadeja Wiley, Docket No. 2425-199 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the terms and conditions of the proposed consent order in this matter.

By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to transmit items" L" through "R" on the legal committee report to the Office of Administrative Law.

By a vote of 7-0 the Board voted to retain for hearing before the Board item "S" on the legal committee report.

Christopher Bates, Docket Number 2526-168 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted given that no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of the conduct and crime is unbecoming a teacher, the appropriate response and penalty is Revocation.

Steven A. Gavrielatos, Docket No. 2526-114 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted given that no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of the conduct is unbecoming a teacher, the appropriate response and penalty is Revocation.

Christina Glen, Docket No. 2425-134 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted given that no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of the conduct is unbecoming a teacher, the appropriate response and penalty is Revocation.

Mark V. Amatucci, Docket No. 1718-162 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law in this matter.

Hansel Perez, Docket No. 2223-105 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the finding of facts and unbecoming conduct and modify the penalty to Revocation.

Brian Blackmore, Docket No. 2627-107 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause for revocation, given the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher.

Constance Days-Chapman, Docket No. 2526-217 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to seal the record in the matter.

Constance Days-Chapman, Docket No. 2526-217 – By a vote of 6-0, with Mr. Ducket abstaining, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause for revocation, given the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher.

Lauren Fucci, Docket No. 2627-108 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to seal the record in the matter.

Lauren Fucci, Docket No. 2627-108 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause for revocation, given the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher.

Seamus Kelly, Docket No. 2627-109 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause for revocation, given the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher.

John J. Klag, Docket No. 2627-103 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause for revocation, given the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher.

Shane R. McGrory, Docket No. 2627-101 – By a vote of 6-0, with Mr. Ford recusing himself , the Board voted to issue an order to show cause for revocation, given the level and nature of conduct and crime is unbecoming a teacher and they are disqualified from employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education.

Aaron Noriega, Docket No. 2627-110 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to seal the record in the matter.

Aaron Noriega, Docket No. 2627-110 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause for revocation, given the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher.

Victoria Rosado, Docket No. 2627-102 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause for revocation, given the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher.

Jerry (Gerald) White, Docket No. 2627-112 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to seal the record in the matter.

Jerry (Gerald) White, Docket No. 2627-112 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause for revocation, given the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher.

Elora Sarkar, Docket No. 2526-166 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted given that no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of the conduct is unbecoming a teacher, the appropriate response and penalty is Revocation.

Anna Fofana, Docket No. 2627-113 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block the application.

Rahmeek Jerme Pacheco, Docket No. 2526-242 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block the application.

Cavan Londergan, Docket No. 2526-182 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to withdraw the Order to Show Cause.

Robert H. Conrad, Docket No. 2526-182 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and conditions as a revocation.

Annabelle Furphy, Docket No.2526-141– By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and conditions as a revocation.

Allison C. Havemann (Niedrach), Docket No. 2324-189 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and conditions as a revocation.

Christine P. (Jewel) Justice, Docket No. 2526-235 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and conditions as a revocation.

Ashley M. Ortillo, Docket No. 2526-246 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and conditions as a revocation.

Kenneth E. Vaughn, Docket No. 2526-178 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and conditions as a revocation.

Emily Kathryn Westcott, Docket No. 2526-185 – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and conditions as a revocation.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Pearce made a motion to adopt items "A" through "M" on the legal consent list below. Ms. Adhikari seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Orders to Show Cause

a.	Agency Dkt. No. 2526-239	Justin F. Avitable
b.	Agency Dkt. No. 2526-213	Lena Bilotti
c.	Agency Dkt. No. 2526-237	Danielle V. (Ingraham) Bond
d.	Agency Dkt. No. 2526-193	Sharon Dunlap
e.	Agency Dkt. No. 2526-241	Amanda Gutchigian
f.	Agency Dkt. No. 2526-240	Dana H. Stefura

Revocations/Suspensions

g.	Agency Dkt. No. 2425-311	Jeffrey T. Bauer - revocation
h.	Agency Dkt. No. 2526-146	Deandra L. Brown-Palmer - revocation
i.	Agency Dkt. No. 2425-312	Melissa Monestime-Frazier - suspension
j.	Agency Dkt. No. 2324-186	Paul Pena - suspension

Other

k.	Agency Dkt. No. 2526-221	Akhere Akhuemokhan – block
l.	Agency Dkt. No. 2526-169	Delma (Pozo) Rose- dismissal
m.	Agency Dkt. No. 1718-155	Darius A. Teel – deny cert after rev

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Secretary's Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Pearce made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Adhikari and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm.

The next regularly scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on October 29, 2026.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Fichera