IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

APRIL A. LOWERY : ORDER OF SUSPENSION

: DOCKET NO. 1920-118

This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to April A. Lowery as to why her teaching certificates should not be suspended. Lowery currently holds a Teacher of Physical Science Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, Teacher of Comprehensive Science Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, Teacher of Physical Science Certificate and Teacher of Comprehensive Science Certificate.

After the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Lowery presented a proposal to the Board in which she agreed to a suspension of her certificates for two (2) years effective immediately. Lowery did not admit or concede the truth of the allegations in the Order to Show Cause. After reviewing the proposal, at its meeting of June 25, 2021, the Board voted to accept it.

Accordingly, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, it is therefore ordered that April A. Lowery's Teacher of Physical Science Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, Teacher of Comprehensive Science Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, Teacher of Physical Science Certificate and Teacher of Comprehensive Science Certificate are hereby suspended for two (2) years effective immediately.

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It is further ORDERED that Lowery return the above-mentioned certificates to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, Office of Certification and Induction, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 within 30 days of the mailing date of the decision.

Rani Singh, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Mailing: via certified and regular mail

Appeals may be made to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1.3(b).