IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE CERTIFICATE OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

RODOLFO PICHARDO : ORDER OF SUSPENSION

: DOCKET NO. 2021-187

This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Rodolfo Pichardo as to why his teaching certificates should not be revoked. Pichardo currently holds a Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.

After the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Pichardo presented a proposal to the Board in which he would agree to a one-year suspension of his certificate. Pichardo did not admit or concede the truth of the allegations in the Order to Show Cause. After reviewing the proposal, at its meeting of December 8, 2023, the Board voted to accept it.

Accordingly, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, it is therefore ordered that Rodolfo Pichardo's Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility is hereby SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR, effective immediately. It is further ORDERED that Picardo return the abovementioned certificate 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 email, 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).