

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
JOEL VARGAS-MUNIZ : ORDER ACCEPTING RELINQUISHMENT  
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: DOCKET NO. 2021-155

This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Joel Vargas-Muniz, on May 13, 2021, as to why his teaching certificates should not be revoked. Vargas-Muniz currently holds a Teacher of Biological Sciences Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS), issued September 2013; a Teacher of Chemistry CEAS, issued July 2014; a Standard Teacher of Chemistry certificate, issued July 2014; a Standard Teacher of Biological Sciences certificate, issued August 2014; and a Teacher of Bilingual/Bicultural Education Certificate of Eligibility, issued October 2015.

After the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing, Vargas-Muniz presented a proposal to the Board in which he would agree to the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation and all attendant consequences in an affidavit to that effect to the Board. Vargas-Muniz 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 12, 2025, the Board voted to accept Vargas-Muniz's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.10*.

Accordingly, on this 12th day of December 2025, it is therefore ORDERED that Joel Vargas-Muniz's Teacher of Biological Sciences Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS), Teacher of Chemistry CEAS, Standard Teacher of Chemistry certificate,

Standard Teacher of Biological Sciences certificate, and Teacher of Bilingual/Bicultural Education Certificate of Eligibility are hereby RELINQUISHED, with the force and effect of a revocation, effective immediately. It is further ORDERED that Vargus-Muniz return the above-mentioned paper certificates, if issued, 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.



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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).