


IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
DONOVAN M. MCCLEESE : ORDER ACCEPTING RELINQUISHMENT  
\_\_\_\_\_ : DOCKET NO. 2324-126

At its meeting of January 22, 2026, the New Jersey State Board of Examiners (Board) reviewed an affidavit it received from Stephen J. Eife, Assistant Prosecutor/Supervisor of the Special Victims Unit with the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, regarding Donovan M. McCleese. McCleese currently holds an Instructional Substitute credential, expiring November 30, 2026.

McCleese agreed to relinquish his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation and all attendant consequences in his affidavit to that effect to the Board. At its meeting of January 22, 2026, the Board voted to accept McCleese's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.10*.

Accordingly, on this 22nd day of January 2026, it is therefore ORDERED that McCleese's Instructional Substitute credential is hereby ORDERED RELINQUISHED, with the force and effect of a revocation, effective immediately. It is further ORDERED that McCleese 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).