

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
KRISTEN L. SEVERINO (HIZA) : ORDER OF SUSPENSION
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This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Kristen L. Severino (Hiza) on June 26, 2025, as to why her teaching certificates should not be revoked. Severino currently holds a Teacher of Social Studies Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, issued June 2009; a Standard Teacher of Social Studies certificate, issued June 2011; and a Standard Teacher of Students with Disabilities certificate, issued January 2014.

After the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Severino presented a proposal to the Board in which she would agree to a two-week suspension of her certificates. Severino did not admit or concede the truth of the allegations in the Order to Show Cause. After reviewing the proposal, at its meeting of August 7, 2026, the Board voted to accept it.

Accordingly, on this 7th day of August 2026, it is therefore ORDERED that Kristen L. Severino (Hiza)'s Teacher of Social Studies Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, Standard Teacher of Social Studies certificate and Standard Teacher of Students with Disabilities certificate are hereby SUSPENDED for two weeks, effective immediately. It is further ORDERED that Severino 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.



Kimberly A. Gatti, Acting 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).