

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
ASAEL BENITEZ : ORDER ACCEPTING RELINQUISHMENT
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At its meeting of June 25, 2026, the New Jersey State Board of Examiners (Board) reviewed an affidavit it received from Barbara Drasheff, Assistant Prosecutor / Assistant Chief of SVU with the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office regarding Asael Benitez. Benitez currently holds an Instructional Substitute credential, issued April 2023 and expiring April 14, 2028; a Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS), issued June 2024; and a Provisional Teacher of English CEAS, issued September 2024 and expiring July 31, 2026.

Benitez 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 June 25, 2026, the Board voted to accept Benitez's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.10*.

Accordingly, on this 25th day of June 2026, it is therefore ORDERED that Asael Benitez's Instructional Substitute credential, Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS), and Provisional Teacher of English CEAS are hereby ORDERED RELINQUISHED, with the force and effect of a revocation, effective immediately. It is further ORDERED that Benitez 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).