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State Board of Examiners Minutes of Meeting VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS March 1, 2024

Present: Mr. Abdul Saleem Hasan
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Kristen Ludman
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Melissa Pearce
Ms. Thelma Ramsey

Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary
Ryan Silver, Deputy Attorney General
Laurie Fichera, Coordinator, State Board of Examiners

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS.

This meeting was duly noticed pursuant to the requirements of law. In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-10a, the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice filed with the Secretary of State, and publication in Trenton Times and Star Ledger in New Jersey. Notice of the virtual access information was provided online on the Department's website, via memorandum to the Secretary of State and several other individuals and entities and is available at the physical conference room where the meeting has been conducted prior to the public health crisis.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Derek Jess, Chairperson, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act. He also read notice provisions regarding access to the virtual meeting.

Dr. MaryJane McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the January 19th, 2024 meeting (Regular and Executive Session). Ms. Dayna Orlak seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review Presentations

The following applicants attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board regarding their applications:

Letitia A. Becker
Cassandra Capadona
Nicole Kolankowski
Scott Loughlin
Hannah Sambor
Ashley Sarmiento
Yun Xu

The following applicants were unable to attend the meeting.

Michael Lipoff

The Board had only one question for Ms. Sarmiento. They didn't have any questions for the other candidates.

Credentials Review Consent List

Dr. McNally made a motion to adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Orlak seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous roll call vote. The candidates in the following cases were present at the January 19, 2024 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Nware R. Burge	Teacher of Social Studies and Teacher of Students with Disabilities (TOSD), Renewal of provisional certificates – The Board denied the request for an additional renewal of his provisional Teacher of Social Studies and TOSD certificates.
Sabrina K. Bush	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Carlton T. Bynoe	School Business Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted the application.
Karen Dever	Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the certificate.
Nicole Kelly	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted the application.

Michael McGorty	School Counselor Standard Certificate – The Board partially granted as to three semester-hour credits in community agencies, organizations and resources and partially denied as to six credits of a supervised counseling practicum as a school counselor in a preschool through grade 12 school setting by a person holding a standard New Jersey or out-of-State certificate with a school counselor endorsement.
Benjamin A. Robiou	Teacher of Elementary Grades K-6, Renewal of a provisional Certificate – The Board granted a renewal of the provisional Teacher of Elementary Grades K-6 Certificate, through July 2024.
Heba Saad	Teacher of Social Studies Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied the application.
Yamilet Sanchez	Supervisor Standard Certificate – The Board denied the application.
Carolina Smith	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied the application.

Dr. McNally then made a motion to adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Orlak seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous roll call vote. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the January 19, 2024 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Phil Brady	Teacher of Marketing Certificate of Eligibility – The Board partially granted as to six credits in marketing and partially denied as to six credits in marketing.
Jordan Goldklang	School Counselor Standard Certificate. – The Board denied the application.

Legal Committee Report

There were two hearing on the agenda, *IMO the Certificates of Ms. Candice Bland. and IMO the Certificates of Erika Caceres*. They were both present at the hearings. Ms. Caceres was accompanied by her attorney, William N. Gonzalez, Esq.

Ms. Kristen Ludman made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding matters on the Consent Order portion of the agenda, which was duly seconded by Ms. Thelma Ramsey and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:51 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Dr. McNally, seconded by Ms. Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:18 am.

On return to the public meeting, Mr. Jess turned the meeting over to Ms. Ludman to continue the Legal committee report.

The Board then took the following action regarding items on the agenda:

David Aufiero – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Stephen C. Margiotta – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Ashley Markovic - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Briel Peters - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Marc Petrick – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Michael P. Brown – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted given no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of conduct and crime is unbecoming of a teacher due to being disqualified from employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education, the appropriate response is revocation.

Richard H. Brenton – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted given no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher and due to action taken against out-of-state license, the appropriate response is revocation.

Michael Morrill– By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted given no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of conduct and crime is unbecoming of a teacher and due to being disqualified from employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education, the appropriate response is revocation.

David Calero - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Joseph Ohrt – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out-of-state license.

Andrew Temme – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Shannon Kennedy– By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to table the matter.

Joshua Battle – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to take no action.

Shannon Siquenza – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to take no action.

Radale Locke (Falana) – By a vote of 6-0, with Ms. Ramsey abstaining, the Board voted to deny the application for certification after revocation.

Lynderia Mansfield - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to deny the application for certification after revocation.

Joseph A. DeRose – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of license(s) with the same force and effect as a revocation.

Phillip C. Giannino – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of license(s) with the same force and effect as a revocation.

Gary Dominicus - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law in this matter.

Kyle W. Kacicz - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to vacate the initial Order to Show Cause.

Kyle W. Kacicz- By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue a second Order to Show Cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Mark V. Amatucci- By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to return the matter to the Office of Administrative Law.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Ludman then made a motion to adopt items a-k on the consent list below. Ms. Pierce seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Brian Holton
- b. Nicholas C. Jahn
- c. Danny R. McEaddy

d. Erin Passaro (Confroy)

Revocations/Suspensions

- e. Courtney Bullen – suspension
- f. Yolande M. Jean-Pierre – revocation
- g. Yakik Rumley – revocation
- h. Scott P. Silvis – suspension
- i. Richard V. Sullivan - revocation
- j. Brett Yavener - revocation

Other

- k. Lenoard Hal Adoff – block application

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Board adopted a resolution honoring the service of Susan M Nardone, Esquire, who served as the Credential Appeals Coordinator for the State Board of Examiners. The motion was moved by Ms. Orlak and seconded by Ms. Ludman and passed unanimously.

The Board adopted a resolution honoring the service of Dr Mary Jane McNally, who served as the chair of the Credential Review Committee for the State Board of Examiners since 2000. The motion was moved by Ms. Ludman and seconded by Ms. Pearce and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

None.

Adjournment

Dr. McNally made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Ramsy and carried by a unanimous vote. The Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on April 11, 2024 either in the first-floor conference room, 100 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Fichera
Minutes certified by Rani Singh, Secretary