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**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING  
200 River View Plaza  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MS TEAMS  
Trenton, New Jersey  
July 12, 2024  
11:00 am**

**Present:** Mr. Derek Jess  
Ms. Kristen Ludman  
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak  
Ms. Melissa Pearce  
Ms. Thelma Ramsey

**Absent:** N/A

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

**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.

**Motion to Stay – IMO the Certificates of Gina Cinotti**

Mr. Jess noted that the Board received a Motion to Stay the Board's suspension in the matter of Gina Cinotti. The Board required legal advice to consider the motion. Accordingly, Ms.

Kristen Ludman made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Ms. Melissa Pearce, and carried by unanimous vote. The Board entered executive session at 11:04 am.

On motion from Ms. Pearce and seconded by Ms. Ludman, carried by unanimous vote, the Board went back into public session at 11:29 am.

On motion by Ms. Ludman, seconded by Ms. Pearce and carried by unanimous vote, the Board voted to deny the motion to stay.

On motion by Ms. Ludman, seconded by Ms. Pearce and carried by unanimous vote, the Board voted to adopt the written decision.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Ludman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak, and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday August 2, 2024, in the first-floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey or virtually via MS Teams.

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