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**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS
December 6, 2024**

Present: Dr. Jorden Schiff
Ms. Gargi Adhikari
Mr. Robert Ford
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Michelle McGreivey
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Melissa Pearce
Mr. Kevin Pfister
Dr. Thelma Ramsey
Dr. Carmela Somershoe

Absent: Ms. Kristen Ludman

Others: 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 Dr. Jorden Schiff, Chairperson, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act. He also read the notice provisions regarding access to the virtual meeting.

Ms. Rani Singh took the roll call and determined there was a quorum for the meeting.

Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak moved to adopt the minutes of the November 1, 2024, meeting (Regular and Executive Session). Ms. Melissa Pearce seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a vote of 10-0.

Individual Credentials Review Presentations

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

Katherine Baker
William A. Dawson
Georgios Georgoulas

The following applicant did not attend the December 6, 2024, meeting. The board did not have any questions for her.

Kimberly Lopes

Credentials Review Consent List

Ms. Orlak made a motion to adopt the decisions in items “a” through “b” on the credentials review consent list, candidates who were present at the November 1, 2024, meeting, and Dr. Thelma Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by a vote of 10-0.

Legal Committee Report

There was no hearing on the agenda.

Ms. Orlak made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding matters on the Legal Consent Order portion of the agenda, which was duly seconded by Ms. Pearce and carried by a vote of 10-0. The Board went into closed session at 11:02 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Ms. Orlak and carried by a vote of 11-0. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 12:14 pm.

On return to the public meeting, Dr. Schiff turned the meeting over to Ms. Pearce to continue the Legal committee report.

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

John Q. Angeline – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Regis A. Foster – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Thomas Fuller – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Teresa Guerriere – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Pearce being recused, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

David Haggerty – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Charles Jannetti – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Thomas Meier – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Vincent R. Ramkissoon – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Lorraine Land – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted given that no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of conduct and crime and due to action against out of state license, the appropriate response and penalty is revocation.

Raymond Morrison – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted given that no material facts are in dispute and the level and nature of conduct is unbecoming a teacher, the appropriate response and penalty is revocation.

Keith Allen – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of conduct and crime and being disqualified for employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education.

Dylan Baubles – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct and action against an out of state license.

Louis G. Cambria – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct and crime and being disqualified for employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education.

Emily P. Chang – By a vote of 11-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct.

Erin Gawronski – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on level and nature of conduct and crime and being disqualified for employment with any institution under the supervision of the Department of Education.

Danielle Ercole – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to take no action on the application.

Cassie (Glazer) Finley – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to block the application for certification.

Samuel Harrison – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to block the application for certification.

Desiree Mariani – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to take no action on the application.

Hoda E. Elnbrawy – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and as a revocation.

Christopher Perry – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and effect as a revocation.

Shafayeth Syed – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and effect as a revocation.

Edward White – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of licenses with the same force and effect as a revocation.

Harry Guerriere – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Melissa Pearce being recused, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law in this matter.

Luke Maginnis – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision from the Office of Administrative Law in this matter but modify the penalty to a one year suspension.

Douglas Petty – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the return of this matter from the Office of Administrative Law but reject the dismissal of the Order to Show Cause.

Kim Hyle – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of license.

Rochelle Caraway – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to deny the application for certification after revocation.

Tamara Reyes – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to deny the application for certification after revocation.

Lora Cimiluca – By a vote of 10-0, the Board voted to retain the matter from the Office of Administrative Law.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Pearce then made a motion to adopt items a through n on the legal consent list below. Mr. Ford seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Renata D. Alford
- b. Justin P. Arlington
- c. Salvatore DiStefano
- d. Christina Glen
- e. Maria C. (Gomez) Herrera
- f. Kimara Ramsey
- g. Ishia Robinson

Revocations/Suspensions

- h. Robert S. Armstrong – revocation
- i. David Calero - revocation

Other

- j. Ali Ali - block
- k. Patrick Cook – block
- l. Sean Huggins - dismissal
- m. Al Jefferson – return to OAL
- n. Kenyada A. Mitchell – deny certification after revocation

Old Business

None.

New Business

None

Secretary's Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Orlak made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Michelle McGreivey and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of 10-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm.

The next regularly scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on January 16, 2025, 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