| IN THE MATTER OF    | : | NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION |
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| THE CERTIFICATES OF | : | STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS           |
| DENNIS J. PALATINI  | : | ORDER OF REVOCATION                |
|                     | : | DOCKET NO. 1718-151                |

At its meeting of November 1, 2018, the New Jersey State Board of Examiners (Board) reviewed an affidavit that the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office had forwarded regarding Dennis J. Palatini. On March 26, 2018, Palatini pled guilty to Criminal Sexual Contact. On June 29, 2018, Palatini was sentenced to three years' probation. He also signed a Consent Order forfeiting his current public employment. Palatini currently holds a Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility and a Teacher of Biological Science certificate.

Palatini 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 November 1, 2018, the Board voted to accept Palatini's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:9B-4.7.

Accordingly, on this 1st day of November 2018, it is therefore ORDERED that Dennis J. Palatini's Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility and Teacher of Biological Science certificate be revoked, effective immediately.

> Robert R. Higgins, Secretary State Board of Examiners

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Date of Mailing: via 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).