

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
MELISSA (LORENZO) GILBERT : ORDER OF SUSPENSION
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This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Melissa (Lorenzo) Gilbert, on August 15, 2022, as to why her teaching certificates should not be revoked. Gilbert currently holds a Teacher of Elementary Grades K-8 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing; a standard Teacher of Elementary Grades K-8 certificate; a standard Teacher of Students with Disabilities certificate; and a Reading Specialist certificate.

After the matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Gilbert presented a proposal to the Board in which she would agree to a two-month suspension of her certificates. Gilbert did not admit or concede the truth of the allegations in the Order to Show Cause. After reviewing the proposal, at its meeting of June 27, 2024, the Board voted to accept it.

Accordingly, on this 27th day of June 2024, it is therefore ordered that Melissa (Lorenzo) Gilbert's Teacher of Elementary Grades K-8 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing; standard Teacher of Elementary Grades K-8 certificate; standard Teacher of Students with Disabilities certificate; and Reading Specialist certificate are hereby **SUSPENDED FOR TWO MONTHS**, effective immediately. It is further **ORDERED** that Gilbert 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.

Rani Singh, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

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)*.