1	STATE OF IOWA
2	BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS
3	701 E. Court Ave., Suite A
4	Des Moines, Iowa 50309
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6	Minutes
7	April 17, 2020
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9	The Board of Educational Examiners (Board or BoEE) held its monthly meeting on
10	April 17, 2020 via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mary K. Overholtzer, Board
11	Chair, called the meeting to order. Members attending were Kathy Behrens, Dr. Larry
12	Bice, Tim Bower, Dave Harper, Rhonda McRina, Dr. Kristen Rickey, David Schipper,
13	Erin Schoening, Dr. Tony Voss, Ryan Williamson and Sara Yedlik. Also in attendance
14	was Mike Cavin, Interim Executive Director, Darcy Hathaway, Attorney/ Investigator,
15	Diane Dennis, Investigator, Greg Horstmann, Consultant/Investigator, and Jesse
16	Ramirez, Assistant Attorney General. (The open session portion of the meeting was
17	streamed Live on Facebook.)
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19	Tony Voss moved, with a second by Rhonda McRina, to approve the agenda. MOTION
20	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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22	Mike Cavin introduced Diane Dennis to the Board. Diane's first day was April 6th and
23	she is the BoEE's investigator replacing Jim McNellis who retired.
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25	Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Tony Voss, to approve the consent agenda
26	(minutes from the February 21, 2020 board meeting). MOTION CARRIED
27	UNANIMOUSLY.
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29	Tim Bower moved, with a second by David Schipper, to approve the consent agenda
30	(minutes from the March 18, 2020 telephonic board meeting). MOTION CARRIED
31	UNANIMOUSLY.
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- Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Larry Bice, that the Board go into closed session
- 2 for the purpose of discussing closed session minutes, confidential mental health
- 3 information, whether to initiate licensee disciplinary proceedings, and the decision to
- 4 be rendered in a contested case, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 21.5(a), (d), and (f).
- 5 Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Bice yes; Bower yes; Harper yes; McRina yes;
- 6 Overholtzer yes; Rickey yes; Schipper yes; Schoening yes; Voss yes;
- 7 Williamson yes; Yedlik yes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 9 Larry Bice moved, with a second by Ryan Williamson, that in **case number 19-120**,
- the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 11 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(1)(e)(7), and order this
- case set for hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- David Schipper moved, with a second by Sara Yedlik, that in **case number 19-182**,
- the Board return the complaint and investigative report to the investigator to gather
- further information, and return the case to the Board for further consideration.
- 17 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 19 Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Larry Bice, that in **case number 19-184**, the
- 20 Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 21 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(7)(c), and order this case
- set for hearing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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- David Schipper moved, with a second by Ryan Williamson, that in case number 20-
- 25 **03**, the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of
- the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(2)(b), and order this
- 27 case set for hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 29 Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Larry Bice, that in **case number 20-12**, the
- 30 Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(5)(a)(2), and order this
- case set for hearing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- Larry Bice moved, with a second by Sara Yedlik, that in **case number 20-13**, the
- 2 Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 3 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(2)(b), and order this case
- 4 set for hearing. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Bice yes; Bower yes; Harper yes;
- 5 McRina yes; Overholtzer yes; Rickey yes; Schipper yes; Schoening recused;
- 6 Voss yes; Williamson yes; Yedlik yes. MOTION CARRIED.

- 8 Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Ryan Williamson, that in **case number 19-136**,
- 9 the Board find that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- 12 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- David Schipper moved, with a second by Larry Bice, that in case number 19-157, the
- 15 Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 16 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(1)(b)(2) and 25.3(1)(e)(4)
- and (5), and order this case set for hearing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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- 19 Ryan Williamson moved, with a second by Sara Yedlik, that in case number 19-168,
- 20 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 21 incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 22 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 24 Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Larry Bice, that in **case number 19-179**, the
- 25 Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 26 incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 27 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 29 Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Ryan Williamson, that in case number 19-175,
- 30 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 32 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Larry Bice moved, with a second by David Schipper, that in **case number 19-178**, the
- 2 Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 3 incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 4 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6 Ryan Williamson moved, with a second by Sara Yedlik, that in **case number 19-169**,
- 7 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 8 incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 9 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 11 Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Larry Bice, that in **case number 19-152**, the
- Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 14 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- David Schipper moved, with a second by Larry Bice, that the Board not initiate review
- of the proposed decision in case number 19-92, In the Matter of Theresa Gail, and
- allow the proposed decision to become the final decision of the Board unless an appeal
- is taken by one of the parties within the time allowed by rule. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 20 **UNANIMOUSLY.** (Jesse Ramirez left the room during the discussion of this case in
- 21 closed session.)

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- 23 Larry Bice moved, with a second by Sara Yedlik, to extend the 180-day deadline for
- 24 issuance of the final decision in **case number 19-157**, based upon the need to set the
- 25 hearing and the need to review the proposed decision. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 26 **UNANIMOUSLY.** (Jesse Ramirez left the room during the discussion of this case in
- 27 closed session.)

- 29 Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Ryan Williamson, to extend the 180-day deadline
- 30 for issuance of the final decision in **case number 19-158**, based upon the need to set
- 31 the hearing and the need to review the proposed decision. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 32 **UNANIMOUSLY.** (Jesse Ramirez left the room during the discussion of this case in
- 33 closed session.)

- Larry Bice moved, with a second by Sara Yedlik, to extend the 180-day deadline for
- 2 issuance of the final decision in **case number 19-163**, based upon the amount of time
- 3 needed to complete the investigation, the need to conduct the hearing and the need to
- 4 review the proposed decision. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** (Jesse Ramirez
- 5 left the room during the discussion of this case in closed session.)

- 7 Tony Voss moved, with a second by David Schipper, to approve the closed session
- 8 minutes for February 21, 2020 and March 18, 2020.

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- 10 The following requests for reinstatement were discussed in open session:
- 11 Case number 18-188, Joanne Jacobs The complaint alleged the respondent (a
- substitute teacher) hit a non-compliant student. The agreement imposed a reprimand
- and minimum nine-month suspension, as well as a requirement to complete the ethics
- course and an anger management course. Sara Yedlik moved, with a second by Larry
- 15 Bice, that the Board grant the respondent's request for reinstatement in **case number**
- 18-188, and issue an order stating that the basis for the suspension no longer exists
- and it will be in the public interest for the license to be reinstated. **MOTION**
- 18 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 20 Case number 18-08, Scott Teater The complaint alleged inappropriate text
- 21 messaging (which were not sexual in nature but several text messages establishing a
- 22 friendly relationship) and phone conversations with a student the respondent (a band
- 23 instructor) met while working at an event out of state. The agreement imposed a
- 24 reprimand, minimum one-year suspension, ethics course, and mental health
- evaluation. Larry Bice moved, with a second by Sara Yedlik, that the Board grant the
- 26 respondent's request for reinstatement in **case number 18-08**, and issue an order
- 27 stating that the basis for the suspension no longer exists and it will be in the public
- 28 interest for the license to be reinstated. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 30 Communication from the Public
- 31 None.

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1 Board Member Reports

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- 4 Executive Director's Report
- 5 Legislative Update/Licensure Update: The rule regarding reductions to endorsement
- 6 credit hour requirements that would modify secondary "all" endorsements and teacher
- 7 librarian requirements has been removed from the ARRC at this time and will return
- 8 for further discussion in the Fall. The BoEE will reach out to key
- 9 stakeholders/partners to participate in a work group to discuss the context of this
- proposed change and request stakeholder input in addition to possible next steps.
- 11 (The work group was scheduled to meet in March but was cancelled due to the
- 12 COVID-19 pandemic and the legislature on recess.)

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- 14 A declaration by the Governor stated that no license shall expire during the COVID-19
- pandemic. If a licensee requests an extension, there will be no charge. This is in
- effect, at this time, until April 30, 2020.

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- We are suspending fingerprinting as well. We are issuing licenses at this time without
- 19 the federal background check. We are continuing to run state DCI, all registries and
- 20 Iowa Courts Online. Licensees have been notified that once fingerprinting resumes
- 21 they will need to have the fingerprinting done.

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- 23 We currently have a proposal before the Governor regarding Initial Licenses for
- teachers and administrators. Our expectation is that this will not be required as this
- year will be counted as a full year.

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- 27 Agency Update: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all BoEE staff has had the ability to
- work from home. We are trying to maintain the office with no more than four people
- on a given day. The office is closed to walk-ins except for mail deliveries, FedEx and
- 30 UPS deliveries.

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Financial Update: Mike Cavin reviewed the financial report.

NASDTEC Annual Conference, June 14-16, 2020 (Boston): The conference has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- 4 Board Meeting and Retreat, June 25-26, 2020 (Waterloo/Cedar Falls): More
- 5 information to come. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are waiting on making a
- 6 final decision if this will take place in Waterloo/Cedar Falls.

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- 8 Rules
- 9 Adopt:
- 10 None.

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- 12 ARRC Review Pending:
- None.

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- 15 *Notice:*
- None.

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- 18 Items for Discussion:
- 19 None.

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- 21 Petition for Waiver
- None.

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- 24 Reports/Approvals
- 25 David Wempen reviewed the Career and Technical Education Report with the Board.
- He also updated the Board on a conference (Teach CTE: A National Teacher
- 27 Recruitment and Retention Summit) he attended on February 26-28, 2020, in Fort
- Lauderdale. The summit was led by ACTE to bring together CTE educators and key
- 29 CTE education stakeholders to discuss teacher recruitment and retention promising
- 30 practices and ways to replicate those practices via a national strategy.

FY 21 Board Meeting Calendar: Rhonda McRina moved, with a second by Tim Bower, that the board approve the FY 21 board meeting calendar. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Mike Cavin presented David Schipper with a certificate of service for his three years of service as a BoEE board member. This was David's last meeting - his term ends on April 30, 2020. There being no further business, Tony Voss moved, with a second by David Schipper, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.