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	December 13, 2024
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9	The Board of Educational Examiners (Board or BoEE) held a meeting on December 13,
10	2024. Chad Janzen, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m. due to
11	technology issues. Members attending were Kathy Behrens, Davis Eidahl, Eric St
12	Clair, Michael Lock, Daniel Zylstra and Miranda Brus. Also in attendance was Mike
13	Cavin, Executive Director, Beth Myers, Attorney/Investigator, Diane Dennis, Lori
14	Lavorato, William Rector and Matthew Barron, Investigators, David Steward, Assistant
15	Attorney General. Tim Bower, Ryan Weldon and Pam Bleam were unable to attend.
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17	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, to approve the agenda.
18	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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20	Davis Eidahl with a second by Eric St Clair to approve the consent agenda (minutes
21	for November 15, 2024). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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23	Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that the Board go into closed
24	session for the purpose of discussing closed session minutes whether to initiate
25	licensee disciplinary proceedings, the decision to be rendered in a contested case,
26	confidential health information, and mental health information, pursuant to Iowa
27	Code sections 21.5(1)(a), (d), and (f). Roll call vote: Behrens – yes; Eidahl – yes; Janzen
28	- yes; St Clair - yes; Zylstra - yes; Lock - yes; Brus - yes; MOTION CARRIED
29	UNANIMOUSLY
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31	The Board returned to open session at 11:03 a.m.
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- 1 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-210**,
- 2 the Board find that the evidence gathered in the investigations, including witness
- 3 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- 4 complaints, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- 5 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-69**,
- 8 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
- 9 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(1)e(1), 25.3(6)c, 25.3(8)a, and order the Board
- staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 24-185**,
- 13 the Board return the complaint and investigative report to the investigator to gather
- 14 further information, and return the case to the Board for further consideration.
- 15 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case number 24-192, the
- 18 Board find that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 19 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- 20 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- 21 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 23 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case number 24-193, the
- 24 Board find that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 25 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- 26 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- 27 matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 29 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case numbers 24-195,
- the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigations, including witness
- 31 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- 32 complaints, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- 33 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case number 24-196, the
- 2 Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 3 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- 4 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- 5 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Fric St Clair moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case number 24-239**,
- 8 the Board deny the motion to dismiss and the Board find probable cause to establish a
- 9 violation of the Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(6)d, and
- order the Board staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Michael Lock moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, that in **case number 24-155**, the
- 13 Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct
- and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(2)b, and order the Board staff to proceed with the case.
- 15 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 17 Michael Lock moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, that in case number 24-247, the
- Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct
- and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(5)a(2), and order the Board staff to proceed with the
- 20 case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case number 24-236**,
- 23 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
- 24 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(5)a(2), and order the Board staff to proceed
- with the case. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 27 Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Michael Lock, that in **case number 24-246**,
- the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
- 29 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(5)a(2), and order the Board staff to proceed
- with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 32 Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case number 24-152**,
- the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional

- Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(3)c, 25.3(6)d, 25.3(8)a, and order the Board
- 2 staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 4 Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Michael Lock, that in **case number 24-167**, the
- 5 Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 6 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- 7 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- 8 matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Michael Lock, that in case number 24-168, the
- Board finds 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
- 14 matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Michael Lock, that in case number 24-169, the
- 17 Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- 19 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- 20 matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 24-179,
- 23 the Board finds probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
- 24 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(6)c, d, m, 25.3(8)a and b, and order the Board
- 25 staff to proceed with the case. Roll call: Behrens yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen yes; St
- 26 Clair yes; Zylstra no; Lock -yes; Brus yes **MOTION CARRIED**

- 28 Beth Myers recused from closed session discussion of case 24-197.
- Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-197**,
- the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 31 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- 32 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- 33 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 24-186**,
- the Board finds probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
- 3 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(3)c, 25.3(6)c, d, s, and order the Board staff to
- 4 proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 6 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 24-187**,
- 7 the Board finds probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
- 8 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(3)c, 25.3(6)c, d, s, and order the Board staff to
- 9 proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case numbers 24-102**,
- the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**
- 14 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Michael Lock, that in case numbers 24-88,
- the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**
- 19 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 21 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, that in **case numbers 24-114**,
- the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 23 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**
- 24 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 26 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Michael Lock, that in **case numbers 23-221**
- 27 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 28 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**
- 29 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case number 24-96
- 32 the Board reject the agreement submitted by the parties, and return the case for

1	further proceedings consistent with this decision. MOTION CARRIED
2	UNANIMOUSLY
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4	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, that in case numbers 24-189
5	the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
6	incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. MOTION
7	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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9	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, that in case numbers 23-198,
10	the Board reject the agreement submitted by the parties, and return the case for
11	further proceedings consistent with this decision. MOTION CARRIED
12	UNANIMOUSLY
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14	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case numbers 24-42, the
15	Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
16	incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. MOTION
17	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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19	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Michael Lock, that in case numbers 24-40,
20	the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
21	incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. MOTION
22	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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24	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that the Board not initiate review
25	of the proposed decision in case number 24-73 , In the Matter of Kimberly Schipper,
26	and allow the proposed decision to become the final decision of the Board unless an
27	appeal is taken by one of the parties within the time allowed by rule. MOTION
28	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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30	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that the Board not initiate review
31	of the proposed decision in case number 22-64 , In the Matter of Benjamin Hanson,
32	and allow the proposed decision to become the final decision of the Board unless an

2 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 3 4 Michael Lock moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, to extend the 180-day deadline for issuance of the final decision in case number 24-173 based upon the amount of 5 6 time needed to complete the investigation due to the complexity of the case, additional 7 time is required to complete a comprehensive investigation, and conclude the 8 contested case process. The respondent does not object to the extension and dismissal of the case would undermine public trust in educational licenses and would 9 10 result in disparate treatment of similar ethical violations. MOTION CARRIED **UNANIMOUSLY** 11 12 13 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, to extend the 180-day 14 deadline for issuance of the final decision in case number 24-175 based upon the 15 amount of time needed to complete the investigation due to the complexity of the case, 16 additional time is required to complete a comprehensive investigation, and conclude 17 the contested case process. The respondent did not file an objection to the extension 18 even though given an opportunity to object, retaining this pending licensing matter 19 reinforces the significance of due process for both the complainant and the respondent 20 within the licensing disciplinary system. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 21 22 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, to extend the 180-day deadline 23 for issuance of the final decision in case number 24-178 based upon the amount of time needed to complete the investigation and conclude the contested case process. 24 25 The respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an 26 opportunity to object. Dismissal of the case would undermine public trust in educational licenses and would result in disparate treatment of similar ethical 27 violations. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 28 29 30 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, to extend the 180-day deadline for issuance of the final decision in case number 24-156 based upon the 31 32 amount of time needed to complete the case process. The respondent did not file an 33 objection to the extension even though given an opportunity to object, retaining this

appeal is taken by one of the parties within the time allowed by rule. **MOTION**

1 pending licensing matter ensures that any potential threats or risks to students are 2 thoroughly evaluated while also guaranteeing the educator has the opportunity to dispute the alleged ethical wrongdoing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3 4 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, to extend the 180-day deadline 5 6 for issuance of the final decision in **case number 24-160** based upon the amount of 7 time needed to complete the case process. The respondent did not file an objection to 8 the extension even though given an opportunity to object. Dismissal of the case would undermine public trust in educational licenses and would result in disparate 9 10 treatment of similar ethical violations. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11 12 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, to extend the 180-day 13 deadline for issuance of the final decision in case number 24-161 based upon the 14 amount of time needed to complete the case process. The respondent did not file an 15 objection to the extension even though given an opportunity to object. Retaining this 16 pending licensing matter ensures that any potential threats or risks to students are 17 thoroughly evaluated while also guaranteeing the educator has the opportunity to dispute the alleged ethical wrongdoing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 18 19 20 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, to extend the 180-day deadline for issuance of the final decision in case number 24-174 based upon the amount of 21 22 time needed to complete the case process. The respondent did not file an objection to 23 the extension even though given an opportunity to object. Retaining this pending licensing matter reinforces the significance of due process for both the complainant 24 25 and the respondent within the licensing disciplinary system. MOTION CARRIED 26 **UNANIMOUSLY** 27 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens to approve the closed session 28 29 minutes for November 15, 2024. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 30 31 Communication from the Public: 32 None 33

1 Board Member Reports:

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- 4 Executive Director's Report
- 5 Legislative Report:
- 6 EO10 Review has been submitted and still moving forward. Full adoption will most
- 7 likely be completed by mid to late February.

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- 9 Agency Update:
- 10 The BoEE investigative team was able to attend a pilot demonstration of the Achieve
- system with the Department of Education. Dr. Michael Lock and Ryan Weldon have
- submitted their resignations from the Board and Tim Bower also gave notice that he
- will step down from the Board. Director Cavin thanked them for their service to the
- Board. As of January 1, 2025, Board membership will be at 7 members and
- attendance by all members will be important.

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- 17 Financial Report
- November Financials have been included and indicating we are down about 2% over
- 19 last year. Finances were down most of last year as well.

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- 21 License Report
- 22 Renewals are about 4 weeks out. Requests to starting the year with a substitute
- teacher are down from last year. There have been 236 approved this year and there
- 24 were 352 approved at this time last year. Director Cavin and Joanne Tubbs will be
- 25 meeting with Department of Education representatives to discuss the future of this
- 26 model and how to meet the needs while still maintaining educator quality.

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- 28 <u>Rules</u>
- 29 EO10 Review is at the adoption phase. From when they were first presented and filed
- 30 under notice, public comment was received and small changes were suggested. Dr.
- Lock moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, to adopt the updated rules with the
- additions of the changes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Petition for Waiver

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- 2 PFW 24-08 Tina Lutterman. On December 2, 2024, the Board received a Petition from
- 3 Ms. Lutterman requesting a waiver of the rules for the degree requirements to obtain
- 4 an Activities Administration Authorization. The Board considered the petition and
- 5 supporting documentation. Ms. Lutterman was present before the Board. Current
- 6 rules require a baccalaureate degree or higher in Athletic Administration or related
- 7 degree. Ms. Lutterman has a baccalaureate degree in Chemistry. She has completed
- 8 the necessary coursework through LTI required for the Activities Administrator
- 9 Authorization. Ms. Lutterman holds, and has held, several educational license,
- including an Initial Career and Technical License, Coaching Authorization, iJag
- Authorization and Substitute Authorization. The Board found there was undue
- hardship in that the applicant would have to go back to school to complete a teacher
- preparation or Athletic Administration major, which would be a financial and time
- burden. Other waivers have been granted for different degrees. The rule from which
- 15 Ms. Lutterman seeks a waiver is not specifically mandated by statute or any other
- provision of law, and accordingly, may be waived by the Board. The Board found Ms.
- 17 Lutterman is helping the district and multiple people have rescinded job offers. She
- has been a coach and taught students through various positions. Kathy Behrens
- moved, with a second by Daniel Zystra, that the Board grant the Petition for waiver.
- 20 Roll call: Behrens yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen yes; St Clair- abstained; Zylstra yes;
- 21 Lock yes; Brus yes; **MOTION CARRIED**

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- 23 <u>Reports</u>
- 24 Annual Reports were provided for Home Based Iowa and Licensure Renewal Program.

- There being no further business, Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl,
- to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**