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	February 14, 2025
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9	The Board of Educational Examiners (Board or BoEE) held a meeting on February 14,
10	2025. Chad Janzen, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Members
11	attending were Kathy Behrens, Miranda Brus, Davis Eidahl, Eric St Clair, Daniel
12	Zylstra, Paige Thorson, Jennifer Sammons and Michael Pyevich. Also in attendance
13	was Mike Cavin, Executive Director, Beth Myers, Attorney/Investigator, Diane Dennis
14	Lori Lavorato, and Matthew Barron, Investigators, Marc Elcock, Assistant Attorney
15	General. Pam Bleam was unable to attend.
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17	Director Cavin introduced new board member, Dr. Michael Pyevich.
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19	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, to approve the agenda.
20	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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22	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, to approve the consent agenda
23	(minutes for January 17, 2025). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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25	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that the Board go into closed
26	session for the purpose of discussing closed session minutes whether to initiate
27	licensee disciplinary proceedings, the decision to be rendered in a contested case,
28	confidential health information, and mental health information, pursuant to Iowa
29	Code sections 21.5 (1)(a), (d), and (f). Roll call vote: Behrens – yes; Brus – yes; Eidahl -
30	yes; Janzen – yes; St Clair – yes; Zylstra – yes; Thorson – yes; Sammons – yes; Pyevich
31	-yes; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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33	The Board returned to open session.

- 1 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, that in **case number 24-190**
- 2 the 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**

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- 7 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, that in **case number 24-191**
- 8 the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 9 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
- matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, that in **case number 24-243** the
- Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct
- and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3 (6) c & d and 25.3 (8) a & b, and order the Board staff
- to proceed with the case. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen
- recuse; St Clair yes; Zylstra yes; Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich -yes;

## 18 **MOTION CARRIED**

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- 20 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-253**,
- 21 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
- 22 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3 (1) e (4), and order the Board staff to proceed
- with the case. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen recuse;
- 24 St Clair yes; Zylstra recuse; Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich -yes; **MOTION**
- 25 **CARRIED**

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- 27 Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 24-230** the
- 28 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
- 30 case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-221**,
- the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional

- 1 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3 (2) b, and order the Board staff to proceed 2 with the case. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3 4 Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, that in case number 24-250 the Board and the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of 5 Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3 (3) e, 25.3 (6) m and 25.3 (8) a, 6 7 and order the Board staff to proceed with the case. Roll call vote: Behrens - yes; Brus 8 - yes; Eidahl - yes; Janzen - yes; St Clair - yes; Zylstra - yes; Thorson - yes; Sammons - recuse; Pyevich -yes; **MOTION CARRIED** 9 10 11 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 24-228 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional 12 13 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(4) a, b, d, e, and order the Board staff to 14 proceed with the case. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 15 Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Michael Pyevich, that in case number 24-173, 16 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional 17 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (3) c, 25.3 (4) b, e, 25.3 (6) m, 25.3 (8) a & b, 18 19 and order the Board staff to proceed with the case. MOTION CARRIED 20 UNANIMOUSLY 21 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, that in case number 24-297, 22 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional 23 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (5) a (2), and order the Board staff to proceed 24 25 with the case. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 26 27 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, that in case number 24-298, the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional 28
- 32 Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case number 24-227**,

Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (5) a (2), and order the Board staff to proceed

the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional

with the case. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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2 with the case. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3 4 Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case number 24-229**, the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional 5 6 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (5) a (2), and order the Board staff to proceed with the case. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 8 9 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case number 24-**214** the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness 10 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the 11 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this 12 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 13 14 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case number 24-15 **215** the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness 16 17 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 18 19 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 20 21 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case number 24-22 **216** the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the 23 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this 24 25 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 26 27 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case number 24-233 the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness 28 29 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 30 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 31

Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (5) a (2), and order the Board staff to proceed

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- Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case number 24-240**,
- 2 the Board finds probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
- 3 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (1) e (4), 25.3 (6) d, 25.3 (8) a, and order the
- 4 Board staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 6 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, that in **case number 24-249** the
- 7 Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 8 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
- 9 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
- matter. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen recuse; St
- Clair yes; Zylstra yes; Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich -yes; **MOTION**
- 12 **CARRIED**

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- Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case number 24-231, the
- Board finds probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct
- and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (3) c, 25.3(6) h & m, and order the Board staff to
- proceed with the case. Roll call vote: Behrens no; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen –
- 18 yes; St Clair yes; Zylstra no; Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich -no; **MOTION**
- 19 **CARRIED**

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- Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, that in **case number 24-293** the
- 22 Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 23 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
- 25 matter. Roll call vote: Behrens no; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen yes; St Clair –
- yes; Zylstra yes; Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich yes; **MOTION CARRIED**

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- Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-235**,
- 29 the Board finds probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
- 30 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (6) c, d & e, and order the Board staff to
- proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, that in case number 24-199,
- 2 the 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. Roll call vote: Behrens no; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen yes; St Clair –
- 6 yes; Zylstra yes; Thorson no; Sammons yes; Pyevich recused; **MOTION**

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- 9 Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-202**,
- 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
- matter. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen yes; St Clair –
- 14 yes; Zylstra yes; Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich recused; **MOTION**
- 15 **CARRIED**

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- Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-201**,
- the Board finds 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. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen yes; St Clair –
- yes; Zylstra yes; Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich recused; **MOTION**
- 23 **CARRIED**

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- 25 Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-200**,
- the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 27 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
- 29 matter. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen yes; St Clair –
- yes; Zylstra yes; Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich recused; **MOTION**
- 31 **CARRIED**

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1 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 24-273, 2 the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the 3 4 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5 6 7 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 24-274, 8 the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness 9 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the 10 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this 11 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 12 13 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 24-251, 14 the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness 15 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the 16 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 17 18 19 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 24-255, 20 the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the 21 22 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this 23 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 24 25 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case numbers 24-239, 26 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order 27 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. MOTION **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 28 29 30 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, that in case numbers 24-103, the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order 31 32 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. MOTION 33 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

- Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case numbers 23-198**,
- 2 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 3 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**

## 4 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 6 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, that in **case numbers 23-204 &**
- 7 **24-174,** the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 8 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. MOTION
- 9 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, that in **case numbers 23-205**,
- 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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- Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case numbers 24-233**,
- 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 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case numbers 23-173**,
- the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 23 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. Roll call vote:
- 24 Behrens yes; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen recuse; St Clair yes; Zylstra yes;
- 25 Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich yes; **MOTION CARRIED**

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- 27 Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case numbers 24-178**, the
- 28 Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. Roll call vote:
- 30 Behrens yes; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen yes; St Clair yes; Zylstra recuse;
- Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich yes; **MOTION CARRIED**

- 1 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, that in **case numbers 23-130**,
- 2 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 3 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**

## 4 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 6 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case numbers 24-161**,
- 7 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 8 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**
- 9 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, that in **case number 24-241**,
- the Board reject the agreement submitted by the parties, and return the cases for
- 13 further proceedings consistent with this decision. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, that in **case number 24-208**,
- the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. Roll call vote:
- Behrens yes; Brus yes; Eidahl yes; Janzen recuse; St Clair yes; Zylstra yes;
- 19 Thorson yes; Sammons yes; Pyevich yes; **MOTION CARRIED**

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- 21 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, that in **case number 24**-
- 22 **242**, the Board reject the agreement submitted by the parties, and return the cases for
- 23 further proceedings consistent with this decision. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 25 Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case number 24-47**,
- the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- 27 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION** 
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- 30 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammsons, that in case number 24-
- 152, the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
- incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**
- 33 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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2	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, that the Board initiate review of
3	the proposed decision in <b>case number APP 24-04</b> , In the Matter of Antonio Medina, to
4	examine the decision that his record does not reflect that he poses a danger to
5	children in his care. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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7	Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, to accept the signed consents
8	to waive the deadline in <b>case numbers 24-209</b> and issue an order extending the
9	deadline. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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11	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, to extend the 180-day
12	deadline for issuance of the final decision in case number 24-203 based on the
13	seriousness of the accused violation is of such a magnitude, additional time is
14	required to complete a comprehensive investigation and conclude the contested case
15	process. The Respondent does not object to the extension and retaining this pending
16	licensing matter ensures that any potential threats or risks to students are thoroughly
17	evaluated, while also guaranteeing the educator has the opportunity to dispute the
18	alleged ethical wrongdoing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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20	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, to extend the 180-day
21	deadline for issuance of the final decision in <b>case number 24-207</b> based on the need
22	to schedule the hearing and conclude the contested case process. The Respondent did
23	not file an objection to the extension even though given an opportunity to object, and
24	dismissal of the case would undermine public trust in educational licenses and would
25	result in disparate treatment of similar ethical violations. MOTION CARRIED
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28	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, to approve the closed session
29	minutes for January 17, 2025. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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31	Request for Reinstatement:
32	Case No. 23-35, In the matter of Katie Walrod. Ms. Walrod was charged with
33	consuming alcohol in the presence of students. She neither drove students while

- under the influence, nor allowed students to consume alcohol. Her sanction included
- 2 a public reprimand, a deferred suspension of her license for 1 year, completion of a
- 3 15-hour ethics course, undergo a substance abuse evaluation and comply with
- 4 recommendations from the evaluation. Ms. Walrod applied for reinstatement on
- 5 February 3, 2025 and she is eligible to apply for reinstatement. Ms. Walrod has met
- 6 the timeline of the suspension and fulfilled the requirements of her disciplinary order.
- 7 Ms. Walrod was not present before the Board. Eric St Clair moved, with a second by
- 8 Davis Eidahl to grant the application for reinstatement as the reason for the
- 9 suspension no longer exists and reinstatement is in the public interest. I further move
- that the Board authorize the Executive Director to sign the reinstatement order
- consistent with the Board's discussion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 13 Communication from the Public:
- 14 None

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- 16 Board Member Reports:
- 17 None

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- 19 Executive Director's Report
- 20 Legislative Report:
- All rules from the EO10 Review will go into effect on February 26th, 2025. The
- 22 grooming bill has made it past the sub committees and some modifications are
- 23 expected.

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- 25 Agency Update
- 26 Director Cavin thanked Board members and Investigative staff for their work over the
- past few months. In 2023, there were 235 complaints received, and 166 went before
- 28 the board. In 2024, there were 311 complaints received and 347 went before the
- board. 2025 is off to a good start with almost double the amount of complaints going
- 30 before the board compared to new complaints received.

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32 Financial Report

1 January Financials have been included some progress has been made. Finances are 2 still down, but only about 1% from last year. 3 4 License Report Renewals are being processed at about 2 ½ weeks out. Conditional licenses are being 5 6 requested and processed for the 2025-26 school year. 7 8 The BoEE Board meeting calendar for FY 26 is included in the agenda packet this month. Director Cavin requested Board members review their schedules and discuss 9 10 any issues with the proposed calendar next month. The BoEE Board Retreat is scheduled for June 19 & 20, 2025. Director Cavin asked Board members to think 11 12 about where they would like it held and what topics they would like to discuss. 13 14 Rules: 15 None 16 17 Petition for Waiver None 18 19 20 Reports 21 None

24 Thorson to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** 

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There being no further business, Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Paige