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 16, 2022
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9	The Board of Educational Examiners (Board or BoEE) held a meeting on December 16,
10	2022. Tony Voss, Board Chair, called the meeting to order. Members attending were
11	Kathy Behrens, Pam Bleam, Chad Janzen, Tim McKinney, Kristen Rickey, Eric St Clair
12	and Erin Schoening. Also, in attendance was Mike Cavin, Executive Director, Nicole
13	Proesch, Attorney/ Investigator, Diane Dennis, Investigator, Greg Horstmann,
14	Investigator and Kristi Traynor, Assistant Attorney General. Tim Bower, Dave Harper,
15	and Rhonda McRina were unable to attend.
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17	Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, to approve the agenda.
18	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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20	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, to approve the consent agenda
21	(minutes for November 9, 2022). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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23	Kristen Rickey 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; Bleam – yes; Janzen
28	– yes; McKinney – yes; Rickey – yes; St Clair – yes; Schoening – yes; Voss - yes.
29	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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31	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, that in case number 22-121
32	the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
33	statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the

1 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this 2 matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 3 4 Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 22-122, the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness 5 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. 9 10 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case number 22-129, the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the 11 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(1)(e)(4), and order this 12 case set for hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 13 14 15 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case numbers 22-133 16 and 22-134, the 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(1)(c), (d) 17 and (e), 25.3(6)(c) & (d), consolidate these matters and order these cases set 18 19 for hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 20 21 Kristen Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 22-140, 22 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

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Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristen Rickey, that in **case number 22-145**, 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. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 1 Kristen Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case number 22-150,
- 2 the Board find that, although one or more of the allegations in the complaint may be
- 3 substantiated by the witnesses interviewed in the course of the investigation [and/or]
- 4 the documents gathered in the course of the investigation, and the allegations may
- 5 constitute a technical violation of the board's statute or administrative rules; the
- 6 evidence before the board indicates that the alleged violation is not of sufficient
- 7 magnitude to warrant a hearing, the alleged violation was an isolated incident, and
- 8 adequate steps have been taken to remedy the violation and to ensure that incidents
- 9 of a similar nature do not occur in the future. The Board will not pursue formal
- disciplinary action in this matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case number 21-150,
- the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 14 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(6)(c) & (m), 25.3(8)(a) and
- order this case set for hearing. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Bleam yes; Janzen yes;
- 16 McKinney yes; Rickey yes; St Clair yes; Schoening recused; Voss yes. **MOTION** 
  - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 19 Kristen Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case number 22-154,
- 20 the Board find that, although one or more of the allegations in the complaint may be
- substantiated by the witnesses interviewed in the course of the investigation [and/or]
- 22 the documents gathered in the course of the investigation, and the allegations may
- constitute a technical violation of the board's statute or administrative rules; the
- evidence before the board indicates that there is insufficient evidence to support the
- 25 complaint at hearing. The Board will not pursue formal disciplinary action in this
- 26 matter. Roll call vote: Behrens no; Bleam yes; Janzen yes; McKinney yes; Rickey
- 27 yes; St Clair yes; Schoening recused; Voss yes. **MOTION CARRIED**.

- 29 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristen Rickey, that in **case number 22-160**,
- 30 the 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. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Bleam yes; Janzen yes;

- 1 McKinney yes; Rickey yes; St Clair yes; Schoening recused; Voss yes.
- 2 MOTION CARRIED.

- 4 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristen Rickey, that in case number 22-155,
- 5 the Board return the complaint and investigative report to the investigator to gather
- 6 further information, and return the case to the Board for further consideration. Roll
- 7 call vote: Behrens yes; Bleam yes; Janzen yes; Rickey yes; St Clair yes;
- 8 Schoening yes; Voss yes; McKinney no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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- 10 Kristen Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case number 22-156**
- the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 12 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(5)(a)(2), and order this
- case set for hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kristen Rickey, that in case number 22-157,
- the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 17 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(2)(b), and order this case
- set for hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 20 Kristen Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 22-165,
- 21 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 22 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(2)(a), and order this case
- 23 set for hearing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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- 25 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristen Rickey, that in case number 21-138,
- 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. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 22-149,
- 32 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the

1 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(2)(b), and order this case 2 set for hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 3 4 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case number 22-153, the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the 5 6 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(5)(a)(2), and order this case set for hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7 8 9 Kristen Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 21-163, 10 although one or more of the allegations in the complaint may be substantiated by the witnesses interviewed in the course of the investigation [and/or] the documents 11 12 gathered in the course of the investigation, and the allegations may constitute a 13 technical violation of the board's statute or administrative rules; the evidence before 14 the board indicates that the alleged violation was an isolated incident, 15 and adequate steps have been taken to remedy the violation and to ensure that 16 incidents of a similar nature do not occur in the future. The Board will not pursue 17 formal disciplinary action in this matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** 18 19 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristen Rickey, that in case number 21-168, 20 the Board find that, although one or more of the allegations in the complaint may be 21 substantiated by the witnesses interviewed in the course of the investigation [and/or] 22 the documents gathered in the course of the investigation, and the allegations may 23 constitute a technical violation of the board's statute or administrative rules; the 24 evidence before the board indicates that the alleged violation was an isolated incident, 25 adequate steps have been taken to remedy the violation and to ensure that incidents 26 of a similar nature do not occur in the future. The Board will not pursue formal disciplinary action in this matter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 27 28 29 Kristen Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case number 22-164,

30 the 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(6)(d), and order this case set for hearing 31

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 1 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristen Rickey, that in case number 22-127,
- 2 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 3 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(3)(c), 25.3(6)(c) & (m),
- 4 25.3(8)(a) & (b), and order this case set for hearing. Roll call vote: Behrens yes;
- 5 Bleam yes; Janzen yes; McKinney recused; Rickey yes; St Clair yes; Schoening
- 6 yes; Voss yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kristen Rickey, that in **case number 22-139**,
- 9 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 10 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(1)(e)(7), and order this
- case set for hearing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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- 13 Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case number 22-158,
- 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
- 17 matter. Roll call vote: Behrens no; Bleam no; Janzen yes; McKinney yes; Rickey
- yes; St Clair yes; Schoening yes; Voss yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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- 20 Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that in **case number 22-111**,
- the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the Code of
- 22 Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(1)(e)(4), and order this case set for hearing.
- 23 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 25 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case number 22-112,
- the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the following provisions of the
- 27 Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3(1)(e)(4), and order this
- 28 case set for hearing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 30 Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case number 22-171,
- the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
- 32 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

- 1 matter. Roll call vote: Behrens no; Bleam yes; Janzen yes; McKinney yes; Rickey
- 2 yes; St Clair yes; Schoening yes; Voss yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 4 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 22-172**,
- 5 the Board find that, although one or more of the allegations in the complaint may be
- 6 substantiated by the witnesses interviewed in the course of the investigation [and/or]
- 7 the documents gathered in the course of the investigation, and the allegations may
- 8 constitute a technical violation of the board's statute or administrative rules; the
- 9 evidence before the board indicates that adequate steps have been taken to remedy
- the violation and to ensure that incidents of a similar nature do not occur in the
- future. The Board will not pursue formal disciplinary action in this matter. Roll call
- vote: Behrens yes; Bleam yes; Janzen no; McKinney yes; Rickey yes; St Clair –
- yes; Schoening yes; Voss yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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15 (Nicole Proesch left the room for case number 22-166 during closed session)

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- 17 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, that in case number 22-166,
- the 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(1)(e)(3)&(4), and 25.3(6) (c)
- order this case set for hearing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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- 22 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, that the Board accept the
- respondent's waiver of hearing and voluntary surrender in case number 22-87, and
- 24 that the Board issue an order permanently revoking the license with no possibility of
- 25 reinstatement. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 27 Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that the Board accept the
- 28 respondent's waiver of hearing and voluntary surrender in case number 22-185, and
- 29 that the Board issue an order permanently revoking the license with no possibility of
- 30 reinstatement. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 32 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that the Board accept the
- respondent's waiver of hearing and voluntary surrender in case number 22-177, and

- that the Board issue an order permanently revoking the license with no possibility of
- 2 reinstatement. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 4 Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that the Board accept the
- 5 respondent's waiver of hearing and voluntary surrender in **case number 21-161**, and
- 6 that the Board issue an order permanently revoking the license with no possibility of
- 7 reinstatement. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 9 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that the Board accept the
- agreement submitted by the parties in **case number 22-137**, and issues an Order
- incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 12 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 14 Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that the Board accept the
- agreement submitted by the parties in **case number 21-149**, and issues an Order
- incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
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- 19 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, that the Board accept the
- agreement submitted by the parties in **case number 22-136**, and issues an Order
- 21 incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 22 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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- 24 Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that the Board accept the
- agreement submitted by the parties in **case number 22-23**, and issues an Order
- 26 incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 27 Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Bleam yes; Janzen recused; McKinney yes; Rickey –
- 28 yes; St Clair yes; Schoening yes; Voss yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 30 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, that the Board accept the
- agreement submitted by the parties in case number 21-98, and issues an Order
- 32 incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
- 33 MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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2	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, that the Board accept the
3	agreement submitted by the parties in case number 22-94, and issues an Order
4	incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
5	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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7	Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that the Board accept the
8	agreement submitted by the parties in case number 21-162, and issues an Order
9	incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
10	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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12	Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that the Board accept the
13	agreement submitted by the parties in case number 22-110, and issues an Order
14	incorporating the agreement of the parties and imposing the agreed upon sanction.
15	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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17	(Kristi Traynor left the room during the discussion for the 180-day extensions in
18	closed session)
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20	Kristen Rickey moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that the Board extend the 180-
21	day deadline for issuance of the final decision in <b>case number 22-123</b> , based upon
22	the need to schedule the hearing and conclude the contested case process. <b>MOTION</b>
23	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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25	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, that the Board extend the
26	180-day deadline for issuance of the final decision in <b>case number 22-125</b> , based
27	upon the need to schedule the hearing and conclude the contested case process.
28	MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
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30	Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that the Board extend the 180-
31	day deadline for issuance of the final decision in <b>case number 22-126</b> , based upon
32	the amount of time needed to complete the investigation and conclude the contested
33	case process. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1 2 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, that the Board extend the 180-day deadline for issuance of the final decision in case number 22-127, based 3 4 upon the need to schedule the hearing and conclude the contested case process. Roll 5 call vote: Behrens - yes; Bleam - yes; Janzen - yes; McKinney - recused; Rickey - yes; 6 St Clair - yes; Schoening - yes; Voss - yes. MOTION CARRIED. 7 8 Kathy Behrens moved, with a second by Kristin Rickey, that the Board approve the closed session minutes for November 9, 2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 9 10 Request for reinstatement (discussed in open session): Case No. 21-58, In the Matter 11 of Bethany Taylor. The Respondent created a hostile work environment and exercised 12 13 a lack of professionalism in her class. This created conditions harmful to students' 14 learning. / The Respondent received a sanction of: public reprimand, a suspension of 15 her license for 1 year, completion of a 15 hour in person ethics course, and undergo a 16 mental health evaluation and follow through with treatment. The Respondent has 17 completed all requirements and requests that her license be reinstated. The Board felt 18 that the respondent has not provided evidence of completing the requirements of the 19 mental health evaluation and also would like to hear from the respondent on whether 20 or not they feel they have met the requirements. Kristen Rickey moved, with a second 21 by Kathy Behrens, that in case number 21-58, the Board reject the Respondent's 22 request for reinstatement and issue an order stating that the respondent has not 23 provided sufficient evidence for the board to conclude that the basis for the suspension no longer exists and it would be in the public interest for the license to be 24 25 reinstated. MOTION CARRIED. 26 Communication from the Public 27 None. 28 29 30 **Board Member Reports** 31 None. 32

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Executive Director's Reports

- 1 Executive Director Cavin took a moment to introduce Meredith Hawk, who was in
- 2 attendance the meeting, along with current Board Secretary, Kim Cunningham. Kim
- will be retiring as Board Secretary at the end of the month. Meredith has applied for
- 4 and been accepted to fill the role of Board Secretary upon Kim's retirement. Meredith
- 5 has been with the Board of Educational Examiners over the past year, serving as a
- 6 Clerk Specialist and working in the area of Substitute Authorizations and Substitute
- 7 Licensure. The recruiting process has started to hire a replacement for the Clerk
- 8 Specialist position. The Board thanked Kim for her service to the Board and wished
- 9 her well in her retirement.

- 11 Executive Director's Report
- 12 <u>Legislative Update</u>:
- 13 Executive Director Cavin (Cavin) and Nicole Proesch (Proesch) had a meeting with a
- 14 few Representatives, as well as some members of the Governor's staff, who had some
- 15 concerns regarding how the Board conducts professional practices and issues arising
- 16 from them. It is possible that Legislation may be introduced regarding their concerns
- on the process. Proesch clarified that no cases, nor specifics of cases, were discussed
- in the meeting, as that is confidential information. The purpose of the meeting was to
- answer questions regarding process and procedures of the Board.

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- It is expected that some legislative bills will be introduced this session, but we do not
- 22 have a clear picture as to what these will be.

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- 24 Agency Update:
- 25 Kim Cunningham, current Board Secretary, will be retiring at the end of the month.
- The agency has launched a new website in November. Another upgrade will occur
- 27 once it is switched to the statewide platform, but no significant impact is expected to
- 28 occur.

- 30 The Work Experience Authorization has been implemented. The number of Iowa
- 31 school districts with Work Experience Program has significantly. Much of this growth
- is due to the Governor and Legislator's initiative to increase workplace learning. The

- Work Based Learning Authorization has not yet been implemented. Joanne Tubbs will
- 2 later address these related rules that are currently pending.

- 4 Financial Update:
- 5 The financial reports were reviewed for the FY 22 hold over as well as for September
- 6 (FY 23) and October (FY 23).

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- 8 <u>Licensure Update</u>
- 9 November 2022 was the highest November for license issuance in the last 10 years.
- 10 Conditional licensure increased in the month of October, while Substitute
- Authorizations have decreased since this time last year. Coaching has also seen an
- increase. Renewals are about 2 weeks out. An uptick has started due to Iowa
- graduates applying for licensure and will continue to increase after the holiday break.

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- 15 NASDTEC Professional Educator Standards Board Association (PESBA) Winter
- Meeting, December 12-13, 2022, (Nevada Dept. of Education, Las Vegas, NV)
- 17 Executive Director Cavin attended the meeting earlier this week. At the meeting, here
- was much discussion of defining and developing a national perspective on the role of
- 19 an educator. Also discussed was teacher preparation, changes that have occurred and
- what it may look like in the future. Other topics included addressing the teacher
- shortage urgently and the various teacher apprenticeship program models that exist in
- 22 other states.

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- NASDTEC Annual Conference will take place June 11-13, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ.
- 25 Board members who are interested in attending may reach out to Executive Director
- 26 Cavin. Discussions at the conference will include national perspectives on
- 27 professional practices and teacher preparation.

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- 29 <u>The Legislative Reception</u>
- The Legislative Reception will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, 7:30-9:00 a.m.,
- in the Capitol Rotunda. It is an opportunity for our board members to interact with
- 32 legislators.

1 Rules 2 Adopt: 3 None. 4 5 ARRC Review Pending: IAC 282 Chapters 13, 18, 22, 27 Reciprocity, Chapter 22 Work-Based Learning, 6 Chapter 14 Special 7 8 9 Education and 13, 22, 27 Advanced Degrees, Out of Country, Counseling 10 11 Notice: 12 None. 13 Discussion: 14 15 16 Petition for Waiver Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that the Board grant PFW 22-17 18 09 Rose Aira Fajardo. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Reasons for granting the 19 waiver: On December 1, 2022, the Board received a Petition from Ms. Fajardo requesting a waiver of the rule for the requirements of a teacher's license. Ms. Fajardo 20 21 is seeking a waiver of the requirement that she take and pass the Praxis exam. In the 22 spring of 2022 HF 2081 passed, once enacted it eliminated the requirement that instate applicants be required to take and pass the Praxis exam. Ms. Fajardo completed 23 24 educational studies in the Philippines and is unable to locate a testing area to offer Praxis in Iowa. The applicant was recruited by Prince of Peace Catholic Schools in 25 26 Clinton, Iowa, to teach preschool and elementary classes. She has 6 years of teaching 27 experience in Singapore and relocated from there to Clinton, Iowa in October to take this position. A denial of this waiver would create undue hardship due to the fact that 28 29 Ms. Fajardo was unable to find testing in Iowa. If testing is needed before she can 30 obtain a license this has a negative impact on her ability to work in Iowa. The Board 31 was unable to identify any person whose rights would be prejudiced by granting this 32 waiver. Additionally, similar waivers have been granted in the past and the new law 33 does not require in-state or out of state applicants to pass Praxis. The rule from 34 which Ms. Fajardo seeks a waiver is not specifically mandated by statute or any other 35 provision of law, and, accordingly, may be waived by the Board. Ms. Fajardo has

- successfully completed education requirements in her home country and her
- 2 transcripts have been compared and verified by the agency. She was recruited by
- 3 Prince of Peace Catholic Schools in Clinton, Iowa to teach preschool and elementary
- 4 classes. She has 6 years of teaching experience in Singapore and relocated from there
- 5 to Clinton, Iowa in October to take this position.

- 7 Kristin Rickey moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that the Board grant **PFW 22-**
- 8 10 Nick Mulder. Roll call vote: Behrens yes; Bleam yes; Janzen no;
- 9 McKinney no; Rickey yes; St Clair yes; Schoening yes; Voss no.
- 10 **MOTION CARRIED.** Reasons for granting the waiver: Mr. Mulder is seeking a waiver
- of the degree requirement for a First Activities Administrators License. The applicant
- spoke to the director and attorney Proesch on several occasions last year about how to
- obtain a waiver; however, he did not submit a waiver petition. The applicant was
- offered a position with Okoboji Schools as the Activities Director in August of 2022
- and accepted the position. He did not have his license at the time and had not
- 16 completed the educational requirements either. In the meantime, he took all required
- 17 athletic administration coursework. The applicant reached out to the Director again
- in November 2022 from his Okoboji email with his signature indicating he is the
- 19 Activities Director and has been since August of 2022. On December 5, 2022, the
- applicant applied for a waiver from the requirements for this license. The applicant
- does not have the required degree, but has completed required coursework. He will
- 22 have his coaching authorization completed in December. A denial of this waiver would
- be a hardship for Mr. Mulder and his family due to the time and monetary burden to
- obtain an additional degree. The Board was unable to identify any person whose
- 25 rights would be prejudiced by granting this waiver. The rule from which Mulder seeks
- a waiver is not specifically mandated by statute or any other provision of law, and
- accordingly, may be waived by the Board. Mr. Mulder has successfully served as an
- 28 activities director for Okoboji Schools from August to November 2022. The granting of
- 29 this waiver would benefit the community, students, and staff.

- Mr. Mulder was present during the discussion of his waiver request. During the
- discussions with the Board, there was concern from the Board that Mr. Mulder had
- been hired in a district and practicing without the authorization. Mr. Mulder was

- asked directly by the board if he tried to conceal that he did not have the authorization
- 2 and if the people who hired him were fully aware that he was not licensed and he
- 3 responded 'yes'.

- 5 Chad Janzen moved, with a second by Kathy Behrens, that the Board grant PFW 22-
- 6 11 Dayton Leazer. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Reasons for granting the
- 7 waiver: On December 6, 2022, the Board received a Petition from Ms. Leazer
- 8 requesting a waiver of the rule for the requirements of a Class G License. The Board's
- 9 administrative rules require that all coursework for the counseling endorsement
- 10 (except for the internship) be completed prior to the issuance of the Class G license.
- 11 Ms. Leazer has not completed all coursework required for an issuance of a Class G
- 12 License. She has completed a bachelor's degree and is working on finishing her
- Masters. She is currently enrolled in all academic classes that are required and she
- will complete them in May of 2023. She is currently working as a long-term substitute
- teacher at Edward Stone Middle School. The school has a position open for a school
- 16 counselor. She applied for a waiver in May 2022 and was denied. Since that time,
- she has completed all coursework except two remaining courses. She will take the
- remaining courses, Developing, Organizing, and Managing School Counseling
- 19 Programs/Service and Substance Abuse Counseling in Spring 2023. A denial of this
- waiver would place Ms. Leazer in a position that would require her to leave the
- 21 education field while completing the programing. Being able to get a waiver and take a
- 22 position will allow her to complete a degree while maintaining gainful employment.
- 23 The Board was unable to identify any person whose rights would be prejudiced by
- 24 training this waiver. The rule from which Ms. Leazer seeks a waiver is not specifically
- 25 mandated by statute or any other provision of law, and accordingly, may be waived by
- the Board. Ms. Leazer successfully served as a long-term substitute at Edward Stone
- 27 Middle School. By all accounts she maintained a safe and appropriate classroom.
- 28 The granting of this waiver would benefit the community students, and staff by
- 29 providing a school counselor.

- 31 Reports/Approvals
- 32 Home Base Iowa Report 2022 (Joanne Tubbs)

This report summarizes the license that we issued based on allowances that are given to veterans and military spouses through the program, to aid them in obtaining an Iowa teaching license. Many veterans and military spouses have been able to achieve licensure in Iowa due to this important program. Licensure Renewal Program Summary – 2022 (Joanne Tubbs) The Licensure Renewal Program Summary is an annual report created for the benefit of the board and also a requirement in our rules for licensure renewal programs to submit an annual report to the board. A survey is sent out in the fall to gather information in the report. The report shows approved Iowa licensure renewal programs and summarizes process improvements that have been made to their programs. There being no further business, Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Kristen Rickey, to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**