

MINUTES – Special Meeting

Friday, April 25, 2025

Teams Meeting

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:01am by Chair Cory Steiner. Board members present by video conference were Amber Fridley, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Sarah Lerud, Sheila Schlafmann, Patti Stedman, and Cory Steiner.

Jenny Bladow, Siri Coleman, Angela Nagel, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler were absent.

Also present were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin, Assistant Director Mari Riehl, and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, and Mark Openshaw from Office of Attorney General.

Parsley, Brendon – In February 2024 Mr. Parsley had been charged with offenses where if he's convicted, would require the revocation of his license under NDCC 15.1-13-26. At a February 2024 special meeting the board passed a motion to issue a settlement agreement to suspend Mr. Parsley's license immediately found guilty of any charge based on the underlying facts of the case his license would immediately be revoked.

Charges were dropped in 2024, due to incorrect charge levels because of the age of the victim/s. Updated charges have been filed to appropriately reflect the age/s of the victim. Mark Openshaw said the board will need to amend the 2024 settlement agreement to include the new charges. The old settlement agreement caused Mr. Parsley's license to be immediately suspended if he's convicted, would require the revocation of his license under NDCC 15.1-13-26. If Mr. Parsley would be acquitted or found not guilty of the new charges, then the case would come back to the board.

Evan Kritzberger made a motion to amend the settlement agreement to match the new cases. Seconded by Patti Stedman. Attorney Mark Openshaw clarified that all terms of the settlement agreement would remain the same. Patti and Evan said there is no new information and this is appropriate action. Board members who voted yes were Amber Fridley, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Sarah Lerud, Sheila Schlafmann, Patti Stedman, and Cory Steiner. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08am.

Chair



Secretary/Executive Director

