MINUTES – Special Meeting Tuesday, June 27, 2023 Teams Meeting

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Vice Chair Andrea Fox. Board members present by video conference were Siri Coleman, Andrea Fox, Sonya Hansana, Ben Johnson, Patti Stedman, Cory Steiner, Brenda Tufte, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler.

Board members Amber Fridley and Kathy Lentz were absent.

Also present were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin, Assistant Director Mari Riehl, and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, Allyson Hicks from Office of Attorney General, and other online guests.

Tande, Levi – Attorney Allyson Hicks was contacted by Fargo Public Schools about an assault allegation that had occurred and charges that had been filed against Mr. Levi Tande. She recommended suspension of Mr. Tande's license during the pending criminal matter and if Mr. Tande is convicted of anything on the factual basis of the complaint, the Board move to revocation. This disciplinary action would be under NDCC 15.1-13-25(1)(c, j) and Administrative Code 67.1-03-01-02 (3, 4, 6).

Cory Steiner made a motion to suspend Mr. Tande's license until the criminal proceedings conclude, with the understanding if Mr. Tande is convicted of any of the charges there would be revocation of his license. Motion seconded by Patti Stedman. Cory believes Allyson's recommendation holds a lot of weight and this is consistent with what the Board has done in the past. Board members who voted yes were Siri Coleman, Andrea Fox, Sonya Hansana, Ben Johnson, Patti Stedman, Cory Steiner, and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07am.

Secretary/Executive Director