

MINUTES – Special Meeting
Thursday, November 2, 2023
Teams Meeting

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Chair Cory Steiner. Board members present by video conference were Jenny Bladow, Siri Coleman, Amber Fridley, Deb Follman, Sonya Hansana, Evan Kritzberger, Kathy Lentz, Angela Nagel, Patti Stedman, Cory Steiner, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler.

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.

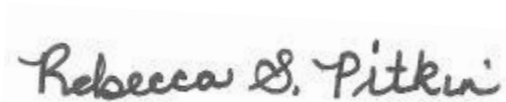
Holmberg, Raymon – Before discussion on this case began, attorney Allyson Hicks asked if anyone had a conflict of interest. None disclosed. This is a federal case not a state case, so the facts of the underlying charges are sealed and not available to the public. The Board has received a copy of the inditement that includes two charges against Mr. Holmberg – Travel with Intent to Engage in Illicit Sexual Activity and Receipt and Attempted Receipt of Child Pornography. Even though this is a federal case, the charges are similar to what Board has dealt with in the past.

Allyson reminded the Board what they've typically done in the past is issue a settlement agreement that would immediately suspend the individual's license. Upon a plea or being found guilty to any charge based on the underlying facts, the license would be immediately permanently revoked under NDCC 15.1-13-25(1)(c). Mr. Holmberg does have a life license, though he's not taught in a number of years.

Kathy Lentz made a motion to suspend Mr. Holmberg's license immediately. If he pleads or is found guilty of any charge based on the underlying facts of the case his license would immediately be revoked under NDCC 15.1-13-25(1)(c). Motion seconded by Patti Stedman. Kathy said information the Board has received the suspension is necessary. Patti Stedman questioned why this didn't come to the Board when the investigation began. Board members who voted yes were Jenny Bladow, Siri Coleman, Amber Fridley, Deb Follman, Sonya Hansana, Evan Kritzberger, Kathy Lentz, Angela Nagel, Patti Stedman, and Cory Steiner. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16am.


Chair


Secretary/Executive Director