

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATE OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
ROBERT CRAWFORD : DOCKET NO. 433-01/97-192M
DECISION ON REMAND
TO SETTLE THE RECORD

At its meeting of June 17, 1999, the State Board of Examiners issued to Robert Crawford an Order to Show Cause why his teaching certificate should not be revoked or suspended, based upon allegations that he had not met the requirements of *N.J.A.C. 6:11-5* for participation in the Alternate Route program. Crawford denied the allegations, and the matter was transmitted to Office of Administrative Law (“OAL”) for hearing. OAL Dkt. No. EDE 8665-98.

After two days of testimony, the Honorable Bruce R. Campbell, ALJ, concluded that Crawford had personally submitted documents in support of his participation in the Alternate Route program that he knew or should have known were to be submitted by the school that employed him, that he submitted documents that he knew or should have known contained false information and that he submitted documents that he knew or should have known bore forged signatures. Accordingly, he recommended that Crawford’s teaching certificate be revoked. The State Board of Examiners adopted the findings and conclusions in the Initial Decision and on June 17, 1999 ordered the revocation of Crawford’s teaching certificate.

Crawford appealed the State Board of Examiners’ decision to the State Board of Education (“State Board”). In accord with *N.J.A.C. 6:2-1.8*, the State Board of Examiners was required to certify the record to the State Board. Because of a dispute

between the parties regarding which documents constituted the record, the State Board remanded the matter to the State Board of Examiners, with direction that it “transmit the case to the Office of Administrative Law for such proceedings as are necessary to correct the record.”

The State Board of Examiners transmitted the matter to OAL, where it was again assigned to Judge Campbell. While in that forum, the parties resolved the matter when they agreed to the contents of the record on appeal to the State Board. Accordingly, they memorialized their agreement in a Consent Order to Settle the Record. Judge Campbell reviewed the Consent Order and determined that it fully addressed the direction of the State Board. He therefore issued an Initial Decision, OAL Dkt. No. EDE 8375-00, approving the proposed settlement regarding the record on appeal.

The Initial Decision on Remand was forwarded to the State Board of Examiners for its consideration pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6:1:1-18.6. After review of the Initial Decision, the State Board of Examiners’ decision of June 17, 1999, the State Board’s decision, and the Initial Decision approving the settlement of the record, the State Board of Examiners adopts the Initial Decision on Remand for the reasons expressed in Judge Campbell’s decision. It agrees with his conclusion that the settlement fully resolves the issues raised by the State Board. It is therefore ORDERED on this 10th day of May, 2001, that the record on appeal to the State Board in this matter is the record as identified in the Consent Order to Settle the Record dated April 24, 2001 and approved in the Initial Decision on Remand, decided on April 25, 2001.

Acting Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Mailing: June 6, 2001

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