

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of the Meeting
held at the Library for the Blind
2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton, NJ**

June 13, 2002

Present: Assistant Commissioner Richard C. Ten Eyck, Chairperson
Mr. Jay Doolan, Acting Secretary
Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Vito Germinario, Chairperson, Legal Committee
Dr. Mary Jean Guidette, Chairperson, Credentials Review Committee
Mr. Richard Dorow
Ms. Joanne Gales
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Michael Knowlton
Ms. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Ms. Ida Bilbow
Dr. Donald Farish

Chairperson Richard C. Ten Eyck called the meeting to order.

Mr. Richard Dorow made a motion to amend the May 9, 2002 minutes to reflect that Robert Aloia, a Credentials Review candidate, was present at the May 9, 2002 meeting. Also, the narrative for Jonathan Brooks is to be amended. The Board unanimously voted to adopt the amended minutes.

The following individual's were removed from the legal agenda at the request of Deputy Attorney General Michael Walters:

Jose Acosta	Ryan Ing
Marl Balaz	Wilson Klein
Reginald Boswell	Ruth Munoz

The Board voted to go into executive session at 11:19 a.m. to discuss legal matters. The Board moved out of executive session at 11:30 a.m.

Individual Credentials Review – Presentation

The following individuals attended the meeting, made brief presentations and answered questions from the Board regarding their experiences:

Karen Carlson	Teacher of Reading
Edith Melie	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility Principal Certificate of Eligibility
Kathleen Ploshay	Speech -language Specialist
Sandra Rose	Reading Specialist

Credentials Review Committee Report:

The Credentials Review Committee reviewed all credentials review cases and presented its recommendations to the Board. The Board took the following actions:

Robert Aloia	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility - Granted
Catherine Glass	Substance Awareness Coordinator – Denied. Partial credit was awarded for study in drug and alcohol abuse and dependency and child and adolescent development.
Steven Phillips	Speech language Specialist - Granted

Legal Committee Report

The Legal Committee reviewed all legal cases and presented its recommendations to the Board. The Board took the following actions:

Order to Show Cause:

Lydia Anderson – Level and nature of conduct. Terminated from employment due to allegations of unprofessional and inappropriate conduct.

John Evans – Pled guilty to one count of child abuse, a 4th degree crime. The victim was a student in the school district in which Mr. Evans was a teacher.

Christopher Grendysa – There were two motions in this matter:

- 1) Vacate the Order to Show Cause issued on April 11, 2002 as the basis for issuance of the order was permanent disqualification from the Office of Criminal History Review which has been rescinded.
- 2) Issue a new Order to Show Cause based on Mr. Grendysa's conviction for unauthorized use of a computer.

Mary Kardashinetz – Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for possession of cannabis.

Rasheen Kornegay -- the Division of Youth and Family Services substantiated allegations of physical abuse of a student.

Allen Lopez– Pled guilty to three counts of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Steven Nelson – County Substitute Certificate – Permanent disqualification from public school employment due to a conviction for possession of marijuana.

Angel Ortiz – the Division of Youth and Family Services substantiated allegations that Mr. Ortiz sexually abused one of his student’s.

Eric L. Streeter – County Substitute Certificate - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to convictions on marijuana (1988) and cocaine (1990) charges.

Iris Wilkerson - Permanent disqualification from public school employment due to a conviction for possession of cocaine, conspiracy to manufacture/distribute a controlled dangerous substance and use/influence of a controlled dangerous substance.

Revocation:

Jeffrey Moses – Criminal conviction for 3rd degree endangering the welfare of a child.

Table:

Jonathan Brooks – Apply for a current public school employment approval letter from the Office of Criminal History Review.

David Clanton - Apply for a current public school employment approval letter from the Office of Criminal History Review.

Dr. Robert Elmezzi – due to the late submission of the petition, the Board needs an opportunity to give proper consideration to the documents submitted. The Board will consider the petition at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Harry A. Lecuyer - Apply for a current public school employment approval letter from the Office of Criminal History Review.

Renita Mc Kinney - Apply for a current public school employment approval letter from the Office of Criminal History Review.

Douglas Scocco – Hold the Order to Show Cause in abeyance pending completion of his criminal proceedings.

Mertice Thomas - Apply for a current public school employment approval letter from the Office of Criminal History Review.

Natalie Urciuoli - Apply for a current public school employment approval letter from the Office of Criminal History Review

Appeal:

In the matter of **Tara Matthews Branch**, the Board voted to advise Ms. Matthews Branch that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:11-5.5(e) she may petition the State Board of Examiners for approval of an additional opportunity to seek provisional employment in a district other than those in which she received unfavorable recommendations. If Ms. Matthews Branch chooses to file such a petition, she must demonstrate why she would be likely to succeed if granted the requested opportunity.

In the matter of **Alvaris Vincent**, the Board voted to deny his appeal of the “disapproved” performance rating he received for his participation in the Provisional Teacher Program/Traditional Route. The Board found that he did not submit sufficient proof for the Board to change the performance rating he received.

Vacate Order to Show Cause:

In the matter of **Lidia De Los Santos**, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued February 21, 2002 as Ms. De Los Santos’ criminal record has been expunged.

In the matter of **Barnett B. Ingraldi**, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued December 6, 2001 as Mr. Ingraldi’s criminal record has been expunged.

In the matter of **Elizabeth Jermyn**, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued December 6, 2001 as the Office of Criminal History Review rescinded its determination that Ms. Jermyn was disqualified from public school employment.

In the matter of **Jennie Nilson**, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued October 1, 2001 as the Office of Criminal History Review rescinded its determination that Ms. Nilson was disqualified from public school employment.

Deny application for certification:

In the matter of **Martin Meo**, the Board voted to block his application for certification as he has been permanent disqualified from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a criminal conviction for lewdness.

Other legal actions:

In the matter of **Anthony Sheri**, the Board voted to accept the settlement proposal.

In the matter of **Marvin Lopez**, the Board voted to accept the settlement proposal.

The Board voted to take no action to suspend, revoke or block certificates of the following individuals:

Michael Cassano
James P. Giordano
Nikole Mitchell
John H. Mobley, Jr.
Dean M. Monjoy

Mary Munoz
Brian P. Quinn
David Turner
Joseph A. Vitale, III
Craig G. Washington

Chairperson Richard Ten Eyck advised the Board that steps are being taken to upgrade the technology and to address staffing issues in the Office of Licensure and Credentials. Additionally, an investigation is being completed to determine which of the initial certification procedures could be assigned to regional offices.

Acting Secretary Jay Doolan advised the Board that the State Board of Education recently adopted Commissioner Librera's reorganization proposal and that the Division of Educational Programs and Assessment will remain intact

Acting Secretary Doolan distributed to Board members the draft letter that expressed the sentiments they voiced at a previous meeting concerning the 2.75 G.P.A. requirement for new teachers. Mr. Peter Tirri brought up the issue of teacher shortages and the fact that thousands of teacher candidates have been turned away from the profession due to their inability to meet the required G.P.A. requirement. Chairperson Ten Eyck indicated that there would be amendments to the G.P.A. requirement but that the dilemma was in trying to create an appeal process without weakening the teacher quality issue.

Acting Secretary Doolan also advised the Board that Commissioner Librera approved the reappointments of Joanne Gales, James Gay and Gloria Tunstall to the Board. The matter will be presented to the State Board of Education for adoption at their August 7, 2002 meeting.

Chairperson Ten Eyck advised Board members that Dr. Vito Germinario had resigned from the Board due to his imminent retirement. Chairperson Ten Eyck thanked Dr. Germinario for his many years of service on the Board as for serving as the legal chairperson. It has been due to Dr. Germinario's fine leadership that the Board has been able to bring closure to some very complicated legal issues. Chairperson Ten Eyck read into the record a resolution and presented Dr. Germinario with an engraved silver bowl as a token of appreciation for his many years of service.

Acting Secretary Doolan read into the record a resolution for Dr. Ronald Applbaum who resigned from the Board when he accepted another college presidency out of state.

Acting Secretary Doolan, on behalf of Commissioner Librera and all the Assistant Commissioners, thanked Board members for all of their hard work and resolutions for many complex issues. Mr. Doolan further advised that it has been a pleasure to work with the Board as acting secretary and that he has grown to know a lot about the processing of credentials review and legal cases.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, September 26, 2002 at 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey in the first floor conference room.**

JEB/EAH/kb: 6-13-02 minutes