

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of the Meeting (Amended 11/30/12)
held in the Conference Room of the
Library for the Blind,
2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton, NJ**

October 1, 2001

Present: Dr. Mary Jean Guidette, Acting Chairperson
Mr. John F. Knapp, Acting Secretary
Dr. Vito Germinario, Chairperson, Legal Committee
Mr. Richard Dorow
Ms. Joanne Gales
Ms. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Acting Assistant Commissioner Jay Doolan, Acting Chairperson
Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Ronald Applbaum
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Dr. Donald Farish
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Michael Knowlton
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson, Dr. Mary Jean Guidette. Dr. Guidette announced that notice of the meeting had been provided in accord with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*

The minutes of the June 14, 2001 meeting were approved and adopted.

Individual Credentials Review – Presentation:

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

Stephen Boettger

Teacher of Health and Physical Education
Certificate of Eligibility

Mr. Boettger was accompanied by Mr. Ed Jones, Principal, Somerset Technical High School, who spoke on his behalf.

Louise Huber School Psychologist
Tina G. Miller School Psychologist

Roger Monel, who is applying for a School Business Administrator Certificate of Eligibility, and **Andrea Weaver**, who is applying for Student Personnel Services certification, did not attend the meeting.

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:

Diana Beasley Supervisor - Granted
Jeffrey Hunt Substance Awareness Coordinator - Granted
Wendi J. O'Donnell School Social Worker – Denied. Partial credit was awarded for study in both education and sociology.

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

Roseann Bostonian – Allegations of having a sexual relationship with a student she was counseling in her capacity as school psychologist.

Steven Catena – County Substitute Certificate- Conviction on two counts of endangering the welfare of a child as a result of his conduct as a substitute teacher.

David Eagone - County Substitute Certificate - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to multiple drug possession convictions.

Rogelio Hernandez – Proven tenure charges of unbecoming conduct involving the use of corporal punishment on two of his students.

Thomasina Lemon – Proven tenure charges of excessive absenteeism and corporal punishment.

Jeffrey M. Levine – Certificate of Eligibility – Pled guilty to the 2nd degree sexual assault of one of his eighth grade students.

John Lister – Proven tenure charges of unbecoming conduct involving defrauding the State Health Benefits Program.

Christine Nevin Murphy – Inappropriately obtained standard certification for which she was not eligible because she did not serve as a full-time contractual teacher while completing the Provisional Teacher Program/Alternate Route.

Jennie Nilson - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for destruction of government property/unlawful entry.

James K. Sleboe – County Substitute Certificate - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to a conviction for failure to give a controlled dangerous substance to police.

Stanley Utley – Proven tenure charges of unbecoming conduct based on his criminal conviction for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession with intent to distribute.

Stephen Vespe – The Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued on February 22, 2001 and to issue a new Order to Show Cause.*

* All action taken by the Board subsequent to the Order to Show Cause were later nullified by the Board.

Lorraine Watkins – DYFS substantiated allegations that Ms. Watkins had physically abused a fourteen year-old student.

Revoke

Nicholas Ciufi – Proven tenure charges of unbecoming conduct involving sexually touching a student.

Juan Cotto – Proven tenure charges of unbecoming conduct involving the use of excessive force in disciplining students.

Luther Gibbs – County Substitute Certificate - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to his felony conviction for attempting to elude police.

Rasheed Jackson – County Substitute Certificate - Permanent disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review due to his felony conviction for resisting arrest.

In the matter of **Myisha Banks**, the Board unanimously voted to block issuance of certification to Ms. Banks as her 1999 conviction for possession of marijuana would permanently disqualify her for public school employment under provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.

In the matter of **Nicholas Brown**, the Board unanimously voted to again table the matter pending further research.

In the matter of **Dana Clark**, the Board unanimously voted to take no action to revoke or suspend her teaching certificate. Despite the fact that Ms. Clark had no knowledge that her

supervisor was not properly certified during her provisional teaching year, Ms. Clark has since been properly supervised as a teacher for two years consistent with the requirements of the Provisional Teacher Program/Alternate Route.

In the matter of **Captain Charles Dryer**, the Board unanimously voted to accept the settlement proposal in the matter of his Teacher of Military Science certificate.

In the matter of **Gloria Hagopian**, the Board unanimously voted to table the matter in order to further research the matter.

In the matter of **Damon Morgan**, the Board unanimously voted to vacate the block on his application for a County Substitute certificate as his disqualification from public school employment by the Office of Criminal History Review has been rescinded.

In the matter of **Audrey Sullivan**, the Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued February 22, 2001 as Ms. Sullivan's conviction has been expunged.

In the matter of **Mark Trach**, the Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending legal advice from the Deputy Attorney General as to whether or not the conviction for homicide by vehicle is a disqualifying offense under N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.

In the matter of **Charles R. Tumminelli, Jr.**, the Board unanimously voted to reject the settlement proposal in the matter of his certificates.

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

Jeffrey Anderson
Tory A. Bunn
Frederick E. Carter
Bridget A. Cross
Kimya Jackson
Mark M. Jarvis
Bryan Kenney
Patrick Kiernan
Elsie N. Jusino
Robert M. Lamming

Nadine Morris
Marilyn Pichardo
James M. Rokeach
Robert Sivori
Jeffrey M. Tucker
Laurie Valentino
Geraldine L. Webb

Peter Tirri made a motion for the Board to go into executive session at 11:35 a.m. to discuss a legal matter and Joanne Gales seconded the motion. The Board moved out of executive session at 11:50 a.m.

Acting Secretary John Knapp thanked the members of the Board for attending the rescheduled meeting and apologized to the members of the Board who came on December 20, 2001, when the meeting was adjourned for lack of a quorum.

The following cases should be retained by Board members for future reference:

Roseann Bostonian	Steven Catena
Nicholas Brown	David Eagone
Gloria Hagopian	James Sleboe
Rogelio Hernandez	Mark Trach
Thomasina Lemon	Charles Tumminelli
Jeffrey Levine	Stanley Utley
John Lister	Stephen Vespi
Christine Nevin Murphy	Lorraine Watkins
Jennie Nilson	

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on **Thursday, December 6, 2001**, at the Mercer County Office of Education, 1075 Old Trenton Road, Trenton, New Jersey.