

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey**

February 27, 2003

Present: Jay Doolan, Acting Chairperson
Ms. Joan Brady, Secretary
Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Michael Knowlton, Chairperson, Legal Committee
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Mr. Richard Dorow
Mr. James Gay
Mr. William King
Ms. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Dr. Stuart Schnur
Dr. Rodney Smith
Mr. Peter Terri

Absent: Dr. Donald Farish
Ms. Joanne Gales
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Jay Doolan, who announced that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The case of Christopher Marinelli was withdrawn from the legal agenda.

The minutes of the January 23, 2003 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:

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| Faye Arnett | School Psychologist |
| Leslie Blitz | Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant |
| Karen Huber | School Social Worker |
| Jonathan Kanter | English as a Second Language Teacher |

Credentials Review Committee Report

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

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| James M. Carpenter | Certificate of Eligibility – Denied | ? |
| Mark Dettlinger | Standard Elementary School Teacher – Granted | |
| Thomas F. Franco | Student Personnel Services – Denied | |
| Holly E. Grosh | Speech-language Specialist – Granted | |
| Peter Hardell | School Social Worker – | ? |
| Seymour Kugler | Standard Teacher of Mathematics - Denied | |

Legal Committee Report

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

Lauren Burger – The Board took no action to block her application for a School Social Worker certificate.

Robert Kozarski – The Board took no action to block his application for a County Substitute certificate.

Mark Manganelli – The Board took no action to block his application for a Teacher of Elementary School certificate.

Le Ann Meyer – The Board took no action to block her application for a Teacher of Social Studies certificate.

Deborah Williams – The Board took no action to block her application for a County Substitute certificate.

Mark Antunes – The Board voted to accept his voluntary surrender of his teaching certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Frank Lepre – The Board voted to accept his voluntary surrender of his teaching certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

John Menza – The Board voted to accept his voluntary surrender of his teaching certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Jonathan Brooks – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for a Teacher of Skilled Trades/Carpentry Certificate of Eligibility.

Joanne Alessio – the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of her conduct.

Mustafa Barksdale – The Board voted to take no action against his Emergency Teacher of the Handicapped certificate.

Errol Evans – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct.

Charles Gregg – The Board voted to take no action against his certificates.

Daniel McHarris – The Board voted to take no action against his certificates.

Frances Purciello – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of her conduct.

Larry Schumacher – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct.

Steven Elwell – The Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct.

Lorraine Watkins – The Board voted to adopt the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that her certificates be revoked. As per the ALJ's Order, the record will remain under seal, but the Board's decision will not be sealed.

Dr. Schnur made a motion to go into Executive Session in order to obtain attorney advice. Mr. Dorow seconded the motion, which was carried, and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:15 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:33 A.M.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ms. Brady announced that the proposed new certification regulations were available on the Department of Education website. The Department is hoping for an August proposal and a December adoption of the regulations. There will be regional public hearings on the proposed regulations at the regional offices on March 25, 26 and 27, 2003. The State Board of Education will have public testimony sessions on April 12, 2003 and in May. The State Board of Examiners may provide public testimony regarding the proposed regulations. Ms. Brady noted that the proposal will be published in the New Jersey Register in March. The members of the State Board of Education have already discussed many of the issues, such as highly qualified teachers.

The Board also discussed the possibility of requiring an applicant for certification, as part of the initial application for certification, to submit to the fingerprint process now found in *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.* Members spoke of the disruptive effect on school districts when they hire individuals for a teaching position only to have to dismiss them three months later when the Commissioner advises the district that they are disqualified from public employment because of their criminal history record. It was also suggested that one cause for the problem is in the length of time it takes to get the results of the fingerprint check.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Brady announced that she had no Secretary's Report for the month.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2003 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.