

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

**June 12, 2003**

**Present:** Dr. Michael Klevon, Acting Chairperson  
Ms. Joan Brady, Secretary  
Mr. Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General  
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chairperson, Credentials Committee  
Ms. Ida Bilbow  
Mr. Richard Dorow  
Dr. Donald Farish  
Mr. James Gay  
Mr. William King  
Ms. Mary Jane McNally  
Dr. Robert Petix  
Dr. Stuart Schnur  
Dr. Rodney Smith  
Mr. Peter Tirri  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

**Absent:** Dr. Michael Knowlton

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

The minutes of the May 8, 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:

Francesco Airo	Teacher of Italian Certificate of Eligibility
James Bancroft	School Social Worker
Douglas Ford	Substance Awareness Coordinator Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
Ellie Fried	Student Personnel Services
Cindy Fisher	Student Personnel Services
Timothy Brennan, Director of Guidance at the Manchester Regional School District, accompanied Ms. Fisher and spoke on her behalf	
Nelda Latham	Teacher of Mathematics
Andrew Panico	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant

### **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:

Clifford Malat	School Psychologist – granted
Kristine Zydel	Standard Preschool through grade 3 - granted

The matter of Sr. Eileen Wust, who made a presentation at the May 8, 2003 meeting in support of her application for a Principal Certificate of Eligibility, has been withdrawn as she completed the requirements for the Certificate of Eligibility.

### **Legal Committee Report**

The Legal Committee reviewed all legal cases and presented its recommendations to the Board.

Dr. Farish, acting chairperson of the Legal Committee, made a motion to go into Executive Session in order to obtain attorney advice. Mr. Tirri seconded the motion, which was carried, and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:45 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:04 A.M.

The Board took the following actions:

In In the Matter of the Certificate of Angel Ortiz, the Board voted to reject the settlement proposed on behalf of Mr. Ortiz.

In In the Matter of the Certificates of Jean Cena, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement, in which Ms. Cena's certificates would be suspended until September 1, 2004.

In In the Matter of the Certificates of Marcia Moskowitz, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement, in which Ms. Moskowitz would surrender her teaching certificates with the understanding that she could apply for certification in the future.

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

Neyembo Mikanda - The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of his conduct and the repetitive nature of his conduct.

Jeanette Nixon – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of her conduct and crime.

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

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

Daneil Dandero – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Heidi Gant – The Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Sean Gardner – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Marcus Grier – The Board voted to take no action against his County Substitute certificate.

Elizabeth Harris – The Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Aladin Hidalgo – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Llewellyn Hill – The Board voted to take no action against his County Substitute certificate.

Robert Laczko – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Alees Gaddis Mason – The Board voted to take no action against her County Substitute certificate.

Robert Nisbett – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Stephen Trongone – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Joseph Vandervort – The Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Bethany Widrich – The Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Anthony Williams – The Board voted to take the matter and to request further information from the applicant.

Ronald Dukes – The Board voted to amend the Order to Show Cause to confirm with his actual conviction.

Tom Henel – The Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued to him because his County Substitute certificate had expired.

Lisa Plaia – The Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued to her because her criminal plea and conviction were vacated.

Brian Majoros – The Board voted to take no action against his teaching certificate.

Barbara Lucia – The Board voted to accept the surrender of her certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Sherrie Caputo – The Board voted to deny her appeal for certification because she lacks the requisite grade point average.

Rachel Greenwald – The Board voted to have the Credentials Committee review her application.

Alexander Nicholas – The Board voted to deny his appeal for certification because he did not attend a regionally accredited college.

Philip Tyburczy – The Board voted to deny his appeal for certification because he lacks the requisite grade point average.

John Brandemarte - The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Gregory Brewer – The Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Richard Davis – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

John Lister – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Carol Nesbitt – The Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of her conduct and crime.

John Tate – The Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

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

Stanley Utley – The Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Roger Wood - The Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Gloria Woodard – The Board voted to table the matter and to resend the Order to Show Cause to her.

Dianne Davis – The Board voted to adopt the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that her teaching certificate be revoked.

Patrick Riley – The Board voted to vacate the order of revocation issued to him when his previous attorney failed to file a response to the Order to Show Cause.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

Ms. Brady announced that the proposed certification code was available on the Department of Education website.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Brady thanked the members of the Board for their hard work and dedication during the year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 A.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2003 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.