

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
February 26, 2004**

Present: Ms. Joan Brady, Secretary
Mr. Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Kathleen Asher, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Dr. Michael Knowlton, Chair, Legal Committee
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Dr. Donald Farish
Dr. Stuart Schnur
Dr. Rodney Smith
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair
Mr. James Gay
Mr. William King
Ms. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Dr. Donald Farish, who announced that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Secretary Brady introduced Jerome Bohnert, a new member of the Board. She also introduced Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Asher, who will succeed Deputy Attorney General Michael Walters as counsel to the Board. Ms. Asher administered the oath of office to Mr. Bohnert.

With Dr. Smith and Mr. Bohnert abstaining, the minutes of the January 22, 2004 meeting were approved by a 6 to 0 vote.

Dr. Knowlton announced that the matter of Terry Stocker will be considered at the April 1, 2004 meeting. He also made a motion to add the matter of Harry Indar to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bilbow and passed by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

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

Dawnyelle R. Cerula	Speech-language Specialist Ms. Cerula was accompanied by Donna Goud, Academic Dean for the Orchard Friends School, who spoke in her behalf.
Marjorie P. Harrison	Student Personnel Services

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:

J. Alyson Nitche	Speech-language Specialist – With Dr. Smith and Mr. Bohnert abstaining, the Board voted 6 to 0 to grant her application for certification.
Deena Dolce O’Connor	Speech-language Specialist – With Dr. Smith and Mr. Bohnert abstaining, the Board voted 6 to 0 to deny her application for certification.
Jeffrey Ruttner	School Psychologist – With Dr. Smith and Mr. Bohnert abstaining, the Board voted 6 to 0 to deny his application for certification.
Deborah S. Taylor	Speech-language Specialist – With Dr. Smith and Mr. Bohnert abstaining, the Board voted 6 to 0 to deny her application for certification, but to give her partial credit for graduate study in normal human communication and 100 hours of practicum with children.

Legal Committee Report

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

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

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

Anne McAlary – The Board unanimously voted to take no action against her certificate.

Lynda Paton – The Board unanimously voted to take no action against her certificate.

Sean Simon – The Board unanimously voted to take no action against his certificate.

David Hughes – The Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that had been issued to him.

Christopher Taylor – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Christopher Britt – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Steven Butynes – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Marro Hawkins – The Board unanimously voted to block his application for certification based on his admission that he had a drug related conviction while in the military.

Joseph Longo – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Frank Manzo – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Edward Rupp – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Kenneth Porschen – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Maryann Briede – The Board unanimously voted to deny her appeal for certification because her coursework had not been taken at a four-year college.

Marjorie Leuschner – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Neyembo Mikanda – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct.

Barbara Thomas – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the Board 7 to 0 to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of her conduct.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to go into Executive Session in order to discuss a legal matter. Mr. Tirri seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote, and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:31 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:35 A. M.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to give authority to the Deputy Attorney General to settle *In the Matter of the Certificate of Harry Indar* with an eighteen month suspension for Mr. Indar. Ms. Bilbow seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding county substitute certificates and to ask that Secretary Brady send the resolution to the State Board of Education. Dr. Schnur seconded the motion, which was passed by a unanimous vote.

New Business

Ms. Brady welcomed Mr. Bonhert and Ms. Asher to the State Board of Examiners.

Ms. Brady also announced that the Department of Education is moving forward on the issue of county substitutes. Warren County Superintendent of Schools and State Board of Examiners member William King has been appointed to head a committee that is reviewing the matter.

Secretary's Report

There was no Secretary's Report.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Tirri and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 A.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2004 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.