

**State Board of Examiners  
Amended Minutes of Meeting  
100 Riverview Plaza  
Trenton, New Jersey  
April 1, 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  
Mr. Jerome Bohnert  
Dr. Donald Farish  
Mr. James Gay  
Mr. William King  
Ms. Mary Jane McNally  
Dr. Robert Petix  
Dr. Stuart Schnur  
Mr. Peter Tirri  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall
- Absent:** Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair  
Ms. Ida Bilbow  
Dr. Rodney Smith

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

The minutes of the February 26, 2004 meeting were approved by a 7 to 0 vote. Dr. Petix, Mr. Gay, Ms. McNally and Mr. King abstained from the vote.

**Individual Credentials Review-Presentation**

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

Joseph Muniz	School Business Administrator Certificate of Eligibility
Adam Shrager	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility
Shahrzad Tehrani	Student Personnel Services
Amy Vendrasco	School Nurse

### **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:

Dawnyelle R. Cerula	Speech-language Specialist – With Mr. Gay abstaining, the Board voted 10 to 0 to grant her application for certification.
Marjorie P. Harrison	Student Personnel Services – With Mr. Gay abstaining, the Board voted 10 to 0 to deny her application for certification.

### **Legal Committee Report**

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

Dr. Knowlton announced that the matter of Wanda Williams has been withdrawn from the agenda.

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

Sally Anne Mesh – The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of her conduct and her dishonest misrepresentation.

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

Greg Colón – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Courtney Esposito – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Claudette Jones – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Clarke Mac Millan – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Eric Miller – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Daniel Reiff – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Sandra Wert-Ruiz – The Board unanimously voted to block her application for certification due to the nature and recency of her crime.

Erik Baum – The Board unanimously voted to deny his appeal because he did not graduate from a regionally accredited college or university.

Andrew Spinoza – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter in order to get more information from the full Board.

Kenneth Kuchtyak – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Frank Lieto – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Philip Murray – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Terry Stocker – The Board unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that his certificates should be revoked due to the nature of his conduct.

Elizabeth Miller – The Board unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that the Board adopt the settlement that would permit her to participate in the Provisional Teacher Program for another year.

Patricia Savina – The Board unanimously voted to reject the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that the Board adopt the proposed settlement and to remand the matter to the Office of Administrative Law so that the parties can develop a settlement that is in accord with law.

Deputy Attorney General Asher discussed with the Board the State Board of Education's recent decision in *In the Matter of the Revocation of the Teaching Certificates of Douglas Scocco by the State Board of Examiners*. As a result of the case, the Board will have to change its procedures, as only the Commissioner may make the determination whether an offense is disqualifying pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.* In the future, the Board may request that the applicant obtain a letter of qualification from

the Criminal History Review Unit, so that the Commissioner can make the determination regarding qualification.

### **Old Business**

Mr. King advised the Board that he is the chair of a committee that was created to make recommendations to the Department of Education on how to handle the situation of county substitute credentials. Ms. Brady announced that the Criminal History Review Unit will accelerate the process for reviewing the criminal histories of county substitutes.

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to go into Executive Session in order to discuss a legal matter. Dr. Schnur 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 reject the proposed settlement in the matter of Bessie Holman, which was seconded by Dr. Petix. By a unanimous vote, the Board voted to reject the settlement.

### **New Business**

Secretary Brady reminded Board members to review the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2004-05 school year and to provide all comments by April 16, 2004.

Ms. Brady and staff members of the Office of Licensure and Credentials provided a review of *N.J.A.C. 6A:9*, the new certification and State Board of Examiners regulations.

### **Secretary's Report**

There was no Secretary's report.

Dr. Schnur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Petix and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2004 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.