

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
100 Riverview Plaza  
Trenton, New Jersey  
December 11, 2003**

**Present:** Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chairperson  
Ms. Joan Brady, Secretary  
Mr. Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General  
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chairperson, Credentials Committee  
Dr. Michael Knowlton, Chairperson, Legal Committee  
Mr. Richard Dorow  
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:** Ms. Ida Bilbow  
Dr. Donald Farish

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, who announced that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The minutes of the October 30, 2003 meeting were approved 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:

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| Meredith Bazaar | Speech-language Specialist |
| Diane Giachetti | Student Personnel Services |
| Eugenia Hamlett | School Social Worker       |
| Renee Passman   | Teacher of Spanish         |

The following individuals did not attend the meeting:

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| Maureen Baldwin | School Social Worker       |
| Meredith Gibson | Speech-language Specialist |
| Erin Savell     | Speech-language Specialist |

### **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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| Michael Cibenko     | Elementary School Teacher Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board voted to deny his request for certification, with Mr. Tirri abstaining.   |
| Holly Hamilton      | Speech-language Specialist – The Board voted to deny her request for certification, with Mr. Tirri abstaining.  |
| Rebecca Labus       | Student Personnel Services – The Board voted to deny her request for certification, but to grant her partial credit for a year of teaching experience and 3 postbaccalaureate credits in psychology. Mr. Tirri abstained from the vote. |
| Melissa Pace        | School Psychologist – The Board voted to deny her request for certification, with Mr. Tirri abstaining.   |
| Laurie Thomson-Maas | School Social Worker - The Board voted to grant her request for certification, with Mr. Tirri abstaining.   |
| Robert Zentmeyer    | Supervisor – The Board voted to deny his request for certification, but to grant him partial credit for three credits in elective study in curriculum development. Mr. Tirri abstained from the vote.                                   |

## **Legal Committee Report**

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

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 11:19 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:24 A.M.

The Board took the following actions:

Dr. Knowlton made a motion to accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Andria Washington* with a clarification. Her certificate will be suspended through the 2004-05 school year, but the suspension is to take effect immediately. In addition, Ms. Washington is to complete the agreed upon coursework in order to regain her certificate. Mr. Petix seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

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

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

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

Brenda Mapp – The Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of her conduct. Ms. Tunstall abstained from the vote.

Donna Briggs – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block her application for an evaluation for a certificate of eligibility. The Board did not address her county substitute certificate application.

Elaugh Butler – The Board unanimously voted to block her application for certification because she forfeited her public employment.

Max Kim – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Christopher Taylor – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Craig Pittelli – The Board unanimously voted to deny his appeal because he had not demonstrated that he meets the regulatory requirement for the grade point average.

Adrienne Shulby – The Board unanimously voted to grant her appeal and concluded that she is eligible for receipt of the supervisor certificate.

Anthony Williams – The Board unanimously voted to take no action because he does not currently hold certification.

Lydia Anderson – The Board unanimously voted to deny her motion for reconsideration because she does not meet the standards for granting the motion.

Amanda Beth Newman – The Board unanimously voted to vacate its previous decision to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law because she received the certificate that she was seeking by way of her appeal.

Mahrous Tadros – The Board unanimously voted to vacate its Order to Show Cause because he is deceased.

Henry Alston – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificate because he is disqualified from public school employment.

Gregory Gomes – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificate because of the level and nature of his conduct.

Gloria Woolard – The Board unanimously voted to revoke her certificate because of the nature and level of her conduct and crime.

Angel Ortiz – The Board unanimously voted to adopt the initial decision of the Administrative Law Judge that recommended that his certificate should be revoked.

### **Old Business**

Secretary Brady provided a status report on the proposed certification code. She indicated that the State Board of Education is holding the code until its December 17, 2003 work session meeting so that the department can clarify a few issues. Because there will be a gap between the sunset of the current code and the effective date of the new one, the Governor will issue a resolution to extend the sunset date of the current code.

There was a discussion concerning the certificates of individuals who have died. Ms. Brady advised that new technology will permit the Office of Licensure and Credentials to link into the relevant Social Security lists.

In response to a question, Ms. Brady indicated that the new procedures for county substitutes will be developed after the new code is adopted.

### **New Business**

Ms. Brady announced that William King, the Warren County Superintendent of Schools, will become a member of the Legal Committee.

Assistant Commissioner Ten Eyck presented retiring member Richard Dorow with a gift and a resolution in honor of his service to the Board.

### **Secretary's Report**

There was no Secretary's report.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was carried by a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 A.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2004 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.