State Board of Examiners Minutes of Meeting 100 Riverview Plaza Trenton, New Jersey March 31, 2005

**Present:** Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair

Mr. Michael Klavon, Acting Secretary

Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General

Mr. Jerome Bohnert

Dr. Donald Farish, Chair, Legal Committee

Mr. James Gay Mr. Richard Kaplan Mr. William King

Ms. Mary Jane McNally

Dr. Robert Petix Mr. Peter Tirri Ms. Gloria Tunstall

**Absent:** Ms. Ida Bilbow

Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee

Dr. Barbara Gitenstein Dr. Stuart Schnur

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

The minutes of the February 24, 2005 meeting were approved.

## **Individual Credentials Review-Presentation**

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

Linda Grad-Rubin Karen Wright Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant

School Social Worker

## **Credentials Review Committee Report**

Connie Pellegrino Condie School Social Worker – With Mr. Bohnert,

Ms. McNally and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. The Board voted to give her partial credit for the required course work in social case

work.

Gregory James School Counselor - With Mr. Bohnert,

Ms. McNally and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to deny his application for certification. The Board voted to give him partial credit for

the required school social worker

practicum.

Matthew J. Kuliszewski Supervisor - With Mr. Bohnert,

Ms. McNally and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to deny his application for certification.

Susan Shipley School Psychologist - With Mr. Bohnert,

Ms. McNally and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. The Board voted to give her partial credit for

the required school psychologist

externship.

# **Legal Committee Report**

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

<u>Kristina Bobish</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal charges against her.

<u>John Conheeney</u> – With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action against his certificate.

<u>Shirley Dolgoff</u> - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal charges against her.

<u>Fermin Galvin</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

<u>Anthony Impreveduto</u> - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

<u>Alexandra Ivanova</u> - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal charges against her.

<u>Thomas O'Brien</u> - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

<u>Scott Peters</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal charges against him.

<u>Vinette Richardson</u> – With Mr. Gay recusing himself, by a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal charges against her.

<u>Jason Spanarelli</u> - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal charges against him.

<u>Michael Bonsu</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that it had issued to him as the underlying criminal offense had been dismissed.

<u>Carlos Francis</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that it had issued to him as the underlying Division of Youth and Family Services report had been changed from substantiated abuse to unsubstantiated charges of abuse.

Rosa Sarduy – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deem her submission a motion to hold the matter in abeyance pending appeal and to deny the motion.

<u>Peter Arguendas</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

<u>Michael DeSantis</u> – With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

<u>Matthew Engelson</u> - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

<u>Patricia Fletcher</u> - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

<u>Janice Henderson</u> - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

<u>Jennifer Mayben</u> - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

<u>Mary Parry</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

<u>James Rasmussen</u> - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

<u>Randall Sellers</u> - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

<u>Lisa Wagner</u> - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

<u>Edith Whitehead</u> - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

<u>Dagoberto Muniz</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

<u>Richard Walling</u> - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

<u>Nicole Bostwick</u> – With Mr. King voting no, by a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to grant her appeal for certification.

<u>Doris Reyes</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal seeking certification.

<u>Anthony Nardini</u> – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certification based on his conviction and his disqualification from public school employment.

Dr. Farish made a motion to adopt a resolution to go into closed session in order to obtain advice from counsel regarding a current legal matter, *In the Matter of the* 

Certificates of James Rowland, and Mr. Petix seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote, and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:10 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:12 A.M.

Dr. Farish made a motion to add to the agenda the case captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of James Rowland*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gay and carried by a unanimous vote. Dr. Farish then made a motion to reject the proposed settlement in *Rowland*. Mr. Gay seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business.

#### Secretary's Report

The Secretary informed Board members that Ms. Tunstall and Dr. Farish will be leaving the Board. He also advised members of the Board that he would contact those members whose terms are expiring, to see if they wish to be nominated for an additional term.

Mr. Klavon announced that there is a bill pending in the Legislature that would again give the State Board of Examiners responsibility for county substitutes.

Mr. Klavon advised that, with two exceptions, the backlog for certification will have been addressed. He also indicated that the Office of Licensure and Credentials is initiating the on-line certification process.

Assistant Commissioner Ten Eyck on behalf of the Commissioner and the State Board of Education expressed his appreciation to members of the Board for their hard work and dedication. In addition, he noted that the recent improvements in the Office of Licensure and Credentials were a tribute to Mr. Klavon.

Mr. Tirri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Petix and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2005 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

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Minutes certified by Michael K. Klavon, Acting Secretary.

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