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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
May 5, 2005**

Present: Mr. Michael Klavon, Acting Secretary
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Donald Farish, Chair, Legal Committee
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Mr. William King
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Dr. Stuart Schnur
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair
Mr. Richard Kaplan

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

Mr. Bohnert moved to adopt the minutes of the March 31, 2005 meeting, and Mr. Gay seconded the motion. With Ms. Bilbow, Ms. Gales, Dr. Gitenstein and Dr. Schnur abstaining, the minutes were approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

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

Theresa Bates	School Counselor – Ms. Bates was accompanied by Susan Vonsover, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services, Howell School District, who spoke on her behalf.
Kathleen Hoffman	Associate School Library Media Specialist – Ms. Hoffman was accompanied by Barbara Panfile, Principal, Crockett Middle School, Hamilton Township, who spoke on her behalf.
Robert Tucker	Teacher of the Handicapped – Mr. Tucker was accompanied by James J. Gallagher, Supervisor/Psychologist, Sterling High School District, who spoke on his behalf.
Claudette Wassil	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – Ms. Wassil was accompanied by a colleague, Donna Perry, a Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant, who spoke on her behalf.

Credentials Review Committee Report

Linda Grad-Rubin	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – With Ms. Bilbow, Ms. Gales, Dr. Gitenstein and Dr. Schnur 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 Learning Theory, Remediation of Basic Skills, Orientation to Psychological Testing and the LDT-C Practicum.
Karen Wright	School Social Worker - With Ms. Bilbow, Ms. Gales, Dr. Gitenstein and Dr. Schnur abstaining, the Board voted 6 to 0 to deny her application for certification. The Board voted to give her partial credit for the required study in Social Casework and Community Organization and in Social Welfare Policy.

Legal Committee Report

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

Deborah Constantino – By a vote of 10 to 0, the matter was withdrawn from the agenda for further investigation.

Wayne Errickson – By a vote of 10 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.

Stephen Fox – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

John Howard – With Mr. Gay and Dr. Schnur recusing themselves, by a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Troy Hylick – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Brenda Koonce - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Charles Marshall - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Paul Olenick – By a vote of 10 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.

Lisa Plaia – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Lewis Shinkle - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Larry Tuorto - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Jennifer Turner - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Maureen Udokwu - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Charles Young - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Askia Nash - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Ira Woods – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his teaching certificate.

Lauren Dauria – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Gina DiCicco - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Robert Ransom – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Ashwini Sirur - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Pamela Thomas - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Dale Runge – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Robert Wicke - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Jenna Berkowitz – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny her motion for a stay.

Corey Younger - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny his motion for a stay.

Justine Bozinta – With Mr. Gay recusing himself, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to consolidate the certification case currently at the Office of Administrative Law with the case arising from the appeal of the DYFS report.

Roseann Jones – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to grant her appeal for certification.

Vincent Chiravalle – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Kevin Conroy - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

James Gardner – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate pending the resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Elisha Harris - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate pending the resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Bart Mazzei - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Frances Metallo – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate for three years based on the level and nature of the conduct.

William Klein - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate for three years based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Mr. Tirri made a motion to adopt a resolution to go into closed session in order to obtain advice from counsel regarding three current legal matters, *In the Matter of the Certificates of Joanne Alessio*, *In the Matter of the Certificate of Justin Bozinta* and *In the Matter of the Certificate of Larry Schumacher*, and Mr. Petix seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote, and the Board went into Executive Session at 12:13 P.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:18 P.M.

Dr. Farish made a motion to add to the agenda the cases captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Joanne Alessio* and *In the Matter of the Certificate of Larry Schumacher*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gay and carried by a unanimous vote. Dr. Farish then made a motion to table discussion of the proposed settlement in *Alessio*. Mr. Gay seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Farish made a motion to reject the proposed settlement in *Schumacher*, which Dr. Petix second. With Mr. Gay recusing himself, the motion was carried by a vote of 9 to 0.

Dr. Farish made a motion to reject the proposed settlement in *Bozinta*, which Dr. Petix seconded. With Mr. Gay recusing himself, the motion was carried by a vote of 9 to 0.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Dr. Schnur announced that Board member Dr. Mary Jane McNally had received her doctoral degree and he congratulated her on behalf of the Board.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Klavon reminded members to review the proposed schedule of meetings for 2005-06 and to provide comments regarding the schedule.

The secretary announced that the Commissioner was nominating a new member to fill the remaining term of Gloria Tunstall. The nominee was expected to join the Board at the June meeting.

Mr. Klavon reported that there is currently in the Legislature legislation concerning the hiring of candidates whose applications for provisional certificates are pending.

Finally, he advised the Board that the Commissioner will shortly release a report concerning the status of the issuance of certification.

Dr. Schnur made a motion to send a letter to the Howell School District concerning the employment of uncertified teachers. Mr. Bohnert seconded the motion, which was carried by a vote of 10 to 0.

Dr. Farish made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Bohnert and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2005 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Arlene G. Lutz.

Minutes certified by Michael K. Klavon, Acting Secretary.