

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
September 23, 2004**

Present: Ms. Joan Brady, Secretary
Ms. Kathleen Asher, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Mr. James Gay
Ms. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Dr. Stuart Schnur
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair
Dr. Donald Farish
Mr. William King
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

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

The minutes of the June 10, 2004 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:

Etzel Brower	Teacher of Industrial Arts
Stephen Buffett	School Business Administrator Certificate of Eligibility Mr. Buffet was accompanied by Peter Bastardo, Director of Teacher Education, Rutgers University, who spoke on his behalf.
Sheena M. Dance	School Social Worker
Theresa DeFranco	Supervisor Director of Student Personnel Services
Loretta DelCollo	Supervisor Ms. DelCollo was accompanied by Dr. James Larken, Associate Director of Teacher Education, University of Pennsylvania, who spoke on her behalf.
Daniel Earle	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
Rachel Greenwald	Elementary School Teacher Ms. Greenwald was accompanied by Ms. Sylvia Berger, Assistant Principal, Gerrard Berman Day School, who spoke on her behalf.
Thomas Heiry	School Psychologist
Heather Jones	Principal Certificate of Eligibility Reading Specialist
Elizabeth Parnagian	Principal Certificate of Eligibility
Robert Riccio	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility
Paul Ristow	Principal Certificate of Eligibility
Peter Simpson	Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility

Linda Wolff Rothschild, who is seeking an Educational Media Specialist certificate, was not present at the meeting.

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:

Barbara Eastman	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. Ms. Eastman was granted partial credit for study in physiological basis of learning
Jacqueline Espenhorst	School Social Worker – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. Ms. Espenhorst was granted partial credit for study in social case work.

Jennifer Larsen	Preschool through Grade 3 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. Ms. Larsen was granted partial credit for study in child development and early childhood curriculum and assessment.
Susan Leacy	Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. Ms. Leacy was granted partial credit for 10 credits in physical education and 2 credits in health education.
Kevin Lonergan	Teacher of Industrial Arts – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny his application for certification.
Sharon Williams	Education Media Specialist – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. Ms. Williams was granted partial credit for the year of mentored teaching.

Legal Committee Report

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

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

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

Patricia Fairbanks – With Mr. Gay recusing himself, the Board voted 7 to 1 to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Elsie Graham – By a vote of 7 to 0, with one abstention, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Carlos Maldonado – By a vote of 7 to 1, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Frank Mattiace – By a vote of 7 to 1, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Cynthia Mazzeo – By a vote of 7 to 1, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

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

Edward Morrows – The Board unanimously voted to send a letter to him advising that, while his conduct was inappropriate, it does not rise to the level requiring revocation of his certificate.

Askia Nash – By a vote of 7 to 1, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Anita Natalini - The Board unanimously voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Diane West – By a vote of 7 to 1, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

James Gannon – The Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that had been issued to him because the underlying conviction was expunged.

Adam Martin - The Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that had been issued to him because the underlying conviction was expunged.

Jerry Quartsin - The Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that had been issued to him because the underlying conviction was expunged.

Gordon Bocher – The Board unanimously voted to deny his appeal because his grade point average failed to meet the regulatory requirement.

Robert Casally - The Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that had been issued to him because the underlying conviction was expunged.

Philip De Fina – The Board unanimously voted to grant him the School Psychologist certificate because he is eligible for it.

Sean Healy – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Claudette Jones - The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

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

Ira Woods – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter until his completion of the Pre-Trial Intervention Program.

Mawiyah Britton – The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Anthony Chrysikos – The Board unanimously voted to block his application for certification based on the level and nature of his conduct and crime.

Stephen Hill - The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Michael Kampe – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Mandy Leathers – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Csaba Magyar - The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Robert McKay - The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Tiffany Rhea - The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

David Strong - The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Ricardo Walker - The Board unanimously voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Roberta Bernhard – The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Selina Davis-Peterson - The Board unanimously voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Jill Fyfe – The Board unanimously voted to grant her appeal because she had demonstrated that she had the equivalent of the required grade point average.

Bernadette Olsen – The Board unanimously voted to deny her appeal because she had failed to demonstrate that she met the coursework requirement for the Home Economics certificate.

William Reed – The Board unanimously voted to deny his appeal because his grade point average failed to meet the regulatory requirement.

Neyembo Mikanda – The Board unanimously voted to deny his motion for reconsideration because the motion was filed out of time.

Roslyn Major – The Board unanimously voted to grant her motion to hold the matter in abeyance pending the resolution of her challenge to the Division of Youth and Family Services investigative report.

Thomas Carney – The Board unanimously voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of his conduct.

Patricia Savina – The Board unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that the Board should accept the proposed settlement.

Old Business

Ms. Brady reported that, with the new technology, the county offices can now read what is being done in Trenton.

New Business

Ms. Brady announced that there had been a recent reorganization of the Office of Licensure and Credentials. Some of the clerical staff responsible for scanning had been transferred to another office, which does similar work.

Secretary Brady also informed the Board that the Commissioner had nominated Dr. R. Barbara Gittenstein, President, The College of New Jersey, and Richard Kaplan, Superintendent, New Brunswick Public Schools, to serve on the Board. The State Board of Education is scheduled to vote on the nominations at its meeting of October 6, 2004. If approved, the two new members will join the Board at its October 28, 2004 meeting.

Ms. Brady also welcomed Deputy Attorney General Carolyn Labin to the meeting. Ms. Labin will succeed Deputy Attorney General Asher as counsel to the Board. Ms. Brady thanked Ms. Asher for her service to the Board.

Secretary Brady announced that she is retiring on September 30, 2004. She expressed how much she had enjoyed working with the Board for the past two and one-half years.

Secretary's Report

There was no Secretary's report.

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 12:40 P.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2004 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

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