

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
100 Riverview Plaza  
Trenton, New Jersey  
October 28, 2004**

**Present:** Mr. Michael Klavon, Acting Secretary  
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General  
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee  
Mr. Jerome Bohnert  
Mr. James Gay  
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein  
Mr. Richard Kaplan  
Mr. William King  
Ms. Mary Jane McNally  
Dr. Robert Petix  
Dr. Stuart Schnur

**Absent:** Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair  
Ms. Ida Bilbow  
Dr. Donald Farish, Chair, Legal Committee  
Mr. Peter Tirri  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

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

Deputy Attorney General Labin administered the oath of office to new members Dr. Gitenstein and Mr. Kaplan. The chair welcomed them to the Board.

The minutes of the September 23, 2004 meeting were approved.

**Individual Credentials Review-Presentation**

There were no credentials review presentations.

## **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:

Etzel Brower	Teacher of Industrial Arts – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application for certification.
Stephen Buffett	School Business Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application for certification.
Sheena M. Dance	School Social Worker – By a vote of 8 to 1, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Theresa DeFranco	Supervisor and Director of Student Personnel Services – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant her applications for certification.
Loretta DelCollo	Supervisor – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Daniel Earle	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application for certification.
Rachel Greenwald	Elementary School Teacher – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Thomas Heiry	School Psychologist – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny his application for certification. Mr. Heiry was granted partial credit for study in the education of students with disabilities, projective testing techniques and interviewing and counseling and for the required school psychologist externship.
Heather Jones	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. Ms. Jones was granted partial credit for study in finance, communications, leadership and human resource management. Reading Specialist – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Elizabeth Parnagian	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application

	for certification. Ms. Parnagian was granted partial credit for study in leadership, communications, human resource management and finance.
Robert Riccio	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny his application for certification.
Paul Ristow	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application for certification.
Linda Wolff Rothschild	Educational Media Specialist – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Peter Simpson	Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application for certification.

**Legal Committee Report**

Mr. King, Acting Chair of the Legal Committee, made a motion to go into Executive Session in order to discuss current legal matters. Mr. Petix seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote, and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:35 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:47 A.M.

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

Jenna Berkowitz – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Michael Bonsu – 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.

John Caucino - 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.

Vincent Chiravalle - 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.

Kevin Conroy - 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.

James Gardner - 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.

Joseph Garrahan - 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.

Elisha Harris - 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.

Theodore Hoover, Jr. – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Kevin Humphrey - 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.

Layshell Layton - 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.

Bart Mazzei - 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.

Anthony Nardini - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Elaine Nestel - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Daniel Reid – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of further information.

Rosa Sarduy - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Rocco Sica - With Ms. McNally recusing herself, 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 and crime.

Barry Staton - 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.

Gregory Stauffer - 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.

Donna Sutton - By a vote of 9 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.

Torrance Watson - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of further information.

Robert Wicke - 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.

Gerald Brady – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to him.

Robert Janowicz – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the Answer that he filed out of time.

Dale Mancuso - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Roberta Bernhard – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant her appeal and to issue her a standard certificate.

Carla Cream-Grant – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant her appeal and to find her eligible for certification.

Selina Davis-Peterson – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant her appeal and to find her eligible for certification.

Marjorie Leuschner – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal, so that she remains ineligible for the certificate she was seeking,

David Strong – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

William Corsey – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certification based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime

Pamela Diehl-Moore – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certification based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime

Adam Feldman – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certification based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Daniel Greco – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certification based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

William Weimer – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certification based on his disqualification from public school employment.

David Toler – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge and revoke his certification.

Elyse Scheiner – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to transmit the case to the Credentials Committee for its review.

Dr. Schnur made a motion to supplement the legal agenda with the cases of *In the Matter of the Certificate of Barbara Horner*, *In the Matter of the Certificate of Nancy Becker*, *In the Matter of the Certificate of Melissa Sneider* and *In the Matter of the Application for Certification of Robert Elmezzi*. The motion was seconded by Dr. Petix and carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Schnur made a motion to reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Barbara Horner*, which was seconded by Dr. Petix. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Schnur made a motion to reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Nancy Becker*. Mr. King seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Petix made a motion to accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Melissa Sneider* and Mr. Gay seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the Board agreed to accept the surrender of her certificate.

Dr. Schnur made a motion to reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Application for Certification of Robert Elmezzi*, which was seconded by Dr. Petix and carried by a unanimous vote.

### **Old Business**

Acting Board Secretary Klavon introduced himself and discussed some of the recent changes in the operation of the Office of Licensure and Credentials. He also requested suggestions for improving the operation of the State Board of Examiners.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Secretary's Report**

Mr. Klavon announced that the Cadwalader Elementary School in Trenton has been named a Governor's School of Excellence. The principal of the school, Gloria Tunstall, is a member of the Board. A letter will be sent to Ms. Tunstall on behalf of the Board congratulating her on the award.

Dr. Petix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Schnur and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 P.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2004 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

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