

State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting (Amended March 31, 2011 and Sept. 21, 2012)
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
June 8, 2006

Present: Dr. Jay Doolan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Dr. Robert Higgins, Acting Secretary
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Ida Bilbow, Chair, Legal Committee
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Mr. Richard Kaplan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Dr. Stuart Schnur
Mr. Peter Tirri
Mr. Barry Worman

Absent: Ms. Gail Cropper

The meeting was called to order by Acting Commissioner Jay Doolan, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Deputy Attorney General Carolyn Labin administered the oath of office to Barry Worman, who was recently appointed to fill the county superintendent of schools vacancy on the Board.

Dr. Doolan announced that, because of a problem with the tape recorder, the scheduling of items on the agenda was being altered.

Old Business

The Board had a discussion regarding the time lines for the Office of Licensure and Credentials to evaluate credentials and issue certificates.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins welcomed Mr. Worman to the Board. He announced that Ms. Gales, Mr. Gay and Ms. Cropper have agreed to serve an additional two-year term on the Board. In addition, Mr. Gay has accepted the position of Chair of the Legal Committee for the 2006-07 school year.

The secretary advised the Board that staff members are reviewing the certification regulations for final amendments to the code. The first draft of the proposed amendments is scheduled to be presented to the State Board of Examiners in October, and he invited Board members to provide him with suggestions for amendments to the regulations.

As the problem with the tape recorder was corrected, the Board then followed the agenda.

Dr. Petix moved to adopt the minutes of the May 4, 2006 meeting and Dr. Schnur seconded the motion. With Mr. Bohnert and Mr. Worman abstaining, the minutes 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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| Lynne J. Godley Cucco | Teacher of Preschool through Third Grade Standard Certificate |
| Teresa DiMartino | Teacher of Italian Certificate of Eligibility |
| Virginia Kayhart Olive | School Counselor – Ms. Olive was accompanied by Ellyn Atherton, Director of Human Services and Professional Development, Springfield School District, who spoke on her behalf. |
| Nancy L. Olivieri | School Nurse |
| Naiobe Sharrock | Teacher of Family and Consumer Sciences Certificate of Eligibility |

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| Joseph Weiss | Teacher of Mathematics Standard Certificate |
| Jennifer M. Zeoli | Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing |
| Deborah Zeutenhorst | Teacher of Students with Disabilities Standard Certificate |

Sarah McClure, who is seeking a School Psychologist certificate, was not present at the meeting.

Credentials Review Committee Report

Ms. Gales made a motion to adopt the cases that were on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Bohnert and Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board adopted the following actions:

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| Joel DeLong | Teacher of Chemistry Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board granted his application for certification. |
| Jennifer Dixon | School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Ruthanne Hamann | School Social Worker certificate – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Michael S. Landis | Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Social Studies standard certificate – The Board granted his application for certification. |
| Allison Larger | School Counselor certificate – The Board denied her application for certification. The Board also voted to grant her partial credit for a school based practicum. |
| Castor Losada | Certificate of Eligibility-Teacher of Health and Physical Education – The Board denied his application for certification. The Board also voted to give him partial credit for a course in team sports. |

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| Michele Metula | Reading Specialist – The Board granted her application for certification. |
| Henry Pita | Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Elaine Schardien | School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification. The Board also voted to grant him partial credit for three graduate credits in sociological foundations/community, agencies organizations and resources. |
| Stephanie Thomas | Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board granted her application for certification. |

Legal Committee Report

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

Kim Carlos – With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Gunter Evdokimoff - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Carol Ann Futrell - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal offense.

Raymond Gambone - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

James Hayden - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Kevin Jordan - With Mr. Worman abstaining and Dr. Petix recusing himself, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Kathleen Kavazanjian - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal offense.*

*** Kavazanjian had the offense dismissed on May 21, 2007 after completing a Pretrial Intervention Program.**

Lewis Lewis - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Daniel McHarris - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal offense.

Michael Pawlowski - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Jamie Riccardi - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal offense.

Steven Schantz - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Robert Selfridge - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Albert Sorrell - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the underlying criminal offense.

Traci Tapp - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Kimberly Vaughan - With Mr. Worman abstaining and Ms. Bilbow recusing herself, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Frank Verga - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Adam Zucker - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Janet Braker - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because she does not meet the degree requirement for a Principal Certificate of Eligibility.

Frederick Moore - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to him as he is now eligible for public school employment.

John Cook - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the issuance of a duplicate certificate to him.

Colleen Chatman - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification because of the recency of her convictions.

Frank Flynn - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification because of the level and nature of his conviction.

Harry Gamarel - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Janneth Hernandez - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Sean Hudson - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

David Jaros - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification because of the level and nature of his conviction.

Lisa Pollina - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Mark Rothschild - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Judith Donegan - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal as her grade point average is below the regulatory requirement.

Wheatonia Jones - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny her request that the Office of Licensure and Credentials lift the ban on issuing her additional certificates that was imposed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.17(i).

Aurelio Nicolas - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal because the school that he attended is not regionally accredited.

Robin Price - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal as she is not eligible for an additional provisional certificate.

Stacey Roberts - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because her grade point average is below the regulatory requirement.

Ellen Muench - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny her request.

David Toler - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to transmit the matter to the Office of Administrative Law in accord with the directive of the Appellate Division.

Rodney Dotson - With Mr. Worman abstaining and Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificate and to vacate the Order to Show Cause.

Julius Young - With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of his conduct.

Ms. Bilbow made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice on the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Anita Natalini*. Dr. Petix seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:25 P.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:35 P.M.

Ms. Bilbow made a motion that the Board reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Anita Natalini*. Dr. Petix seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Tirri moved to withdraw the case captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of George Featherson* from the legal consent list, and Dr. Schnur seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Ms. Bilbow made a motion that the Board adopt the matters that were on the legal consent list and Dr. Petix seconded the motion. The consent list is the written memorialization of certain legal actions that the board took at its meeting of May 4, 2006 meeting. The following cases were on the legal consent list:

Orders to Show Cause

Craig Brodman
Thomas Cantillon
William Conwell
Scott Copperman
Albert DiEmidio
Peter Higginson
Brian Krieger
Thomas McNeill
Gregory Netschert
Jose Pizarro
Stanley Rogers
Michael Schailey
Brian Weiss

Decisions after Hearings

Ronald Blatnik – Revoke his certificate
Sattik Deb – Revoke his certificate
Christine Gallagher – Revoke her certificates
Isaac Green – Revoke his certificate
Anderson Kendrick – Suspend his certificate for two years
Paul Messino – Revoke his certificates
Mary Tyson – Revoke her certificate

Appeals

Robert Graf – Deny the appeal
Kibwe Miller – Deny the appeal
Murtaza Ozdemir – Deny the appeal
Michael Pede – Deny the appeal

The consent list was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Bilbow made a motion that the Board adopt the proposed decision in *In the Matter of the Certificates of George Featherson*, which Dr. Petix seconded. With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the Board adopted the decision by a unanimous vote. In accord with the decision, the Order to Show Cause issued to him was dismissed.

New Business

Dr. Schnur made a motion that the Board send a letter to the East Orange School district regarding its employing an uncertified teacher. Dr. Petix seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Dr. McNally made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Petix and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

The next scheduled public meeting will be on Thursday, July 20, 2006 in the first floor conference room, **100** Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Arlene G. Lutz.

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Acting Secretary.

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