

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
100 Riverview Plaza  
Trenton, New Jersey  
July 20, 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  
Ms. Gail Cropper  
Mr. James Gay  
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein  
Dr. Stuart Schnur  
Mr. Peter Tirri  
Mr. Barry Worman

**Absent:** Mr. Jerome Bohnert  
Mr. Richard Kaplan  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally

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.

Dr. Schnur moved to adopt the minutes of the June 8, 2006 meeting and. Mr. Tirri seconded the motion. 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:

Patrice Cahill

School Counselor Certificate

Bruce Cohen	Standard Teacher of Mathematics Certificate
Michael Cummings	Teacher of Technology Education Certificate of Eligibility
Kevin Lonagan	Standard Industrial Arts Certificate
Maryann Stenta	School Counselor Certificate

Kathleen Hoffman, who is seeking an Associate School Library Media Specialist certificate and whose case was being reconsidered by the Board, Sharon Pollock, who is seeking a standard Teacher of French certificate, and Kennard Weever, who is seeking an emergency School Counselor certificate, were 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. Gitenstein seconded the motion. The consent list is the written memorialization of decisions in credentials review cases that the board reviewed at its meeting of June 8, 2006 meeting. With Ms. Cropper abstaining, by a vote of 7 to 0, the Board adopted the following actions:

Lynne J. Godley Cucco	Standard Teacher of Preschool through Third Grade Certificate – The Board denied her application for certification. The Board granted Ms. Cucco partial credit for study in child development and understanding family and community.
Teresa DiMartino	Teacher of Italian Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.
Sarah McClure	School Psychologist Certificate – The Board denied her application for certification. The Board granted her partial credit for cognitive assessment.
Virginia Kayhart Olive	School Counselor Certificate – The Board granted her application for certification.
Nancy L. Olivieri	School Nurse Certificate – The Board granted her application for certification.

Naiobe Sharrock	Teacher of Family and Consumer Sciences Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Joseph Weiss	Standard Teacher of Mathematics Certificate – The Board granted his application for certification.
Jennifer M. Zeoli	Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her application for certification.
Deborah Zeutenhorst	Teacher of Students with Disabilities Standard Certificate – 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:

John Collins - By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Bruce Engelke – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Larry Hill – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Allau Jauregui –By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to suspend his certificate pending resolution of the underlying criminal offense.

Marianne Madera – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Laurie Rosen – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Bernard Saez – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Thomas Wachendorf – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificate.

Frank Flynn – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to remove his name from the consent list and to take no action to block his application for certification.

Richard Gibbs – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to him because of a clerical error.

Matthew Harris – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to him because the underlying criminal offense was resolved.

Wheatonia Jones – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to her as her emergency certificate has expired, thus making the matter moot. In addition, the Board voted to block her application for a standard certificate.

David LeCompte – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Joseph Pellegrino - By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Vinette Richardson – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to her and to issue a new Order to Show Cause based on her conviction.

Kimberley Vaughan – With Ms. Bilbow recusing herself, by a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificate.

Troy Hylick – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to send him a hearing notice.

Taylor Collins – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Kevin Hall – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Erik Schwartz – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Przemyslaw Szakiel – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Kevin Yourison – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Kieshea McLeod – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board denied her appeal because she lacks the coursework required for the certificate she is seeking.

Lisa Roach – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the case pending further review by a credentials examiner.

Rasheedah Tucker – With Mr. Worman abstaining, by a vote of 4 to 3, the Board denied her appeal because she lacks the grade point average required for certification.

Stratos Mandalakis – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board granted his motion for a stay pending the resolution of his appeal.

Patricia Fairbanks – With Mr. Gay recusing himself, by a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to modify the Initial Decision. The Board accepted the Administrative Law Judge's conclusion that she was guilty of misconduct but modified the penalty to a four-year suspension effective September 21, 2006.

Allen Harvin – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his county substitute certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and to block any application that he may submit for a permanent certificate.

John Lapetina – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Robert Fuller – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the surrender of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation, with all attendant consequences.

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 Daniel Murray* and *In the Matter of the Certificate of Dale Brooks*. Mr. Gay seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:18 P.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:37 P.M.

Ms. Bilbow made a motion that the Board accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Daniel Murray*. Mr. Gay seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. As a result of the settlement, Mr. Murray's certificates will be revoked.

Ms. Bilbow made a motion to amend the settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Dale Brooks* to accept a psychiatric evaluation form any licensed therapist approved by his insurance plan. Mr. Gay seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Ms. Bilbow moved that the case of Frank Flynn be removed from the legal consent list, and Mr. Cropper seconded the motion. With Mr. Worman abstaining, the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Bilbow made a motion that the Board adopt the

matters that were on the legal consent list and Ms. Cropper seconded the motion. The consent list is the written memorialization of certain legal actions that the board took at its meeting of June 8, 2006 meeting. The following cases were on the legal consent list:

Orders to Show Cause

Kim Carlos  
Gunter Evdokimoff  
Carol Ann Futrell  
Raymond Gambone  
James Hayden  
Kevin Jordan  
Kathleen Kavazanjian  
Lewis Lewis  
Daniel McHarris  
Michael Pawlowski  
Jamie Riccardi  
Steven Schantz  
Robert Selfridge  
Albert Sorrell  
Traci Tapp  
Frank Verga  
Adam Zucker

Decisions after Hearings

Julius Young – Revoke his certificate

Appeals

Janet Braker – Deny appeal  
Judith Donegan – Deny appeal  
Ellen Muench – Deny appeal on remand  
Aurelio Nicolas – Deny appeal  
Robin Price – Deny appeal  
Stacey Roberts – Deny appeal

Block application for certification

Colleen Chatman  
David Jaros  
Michael McNair

Deny motion for emergent relief  
Wheatonia Jones

With Mr. Worman abstaining, the consent list was adopted by a unanimous vote.

**Old Business**

The Board had a discussion regarding the approval of teacher preparation programs at the University of Phoenix and other out-of-state colleges.

On behalf of the Credentials Review Committee, Ms. Gales thanked Dr. Schnur for his extraordinary service on the committee and wished him well on his retirement. Mr. Gay similarly thanked Ida Bilbow, the outgoing chair of the Legal Committee, for her dedicated service on that committee.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Secretary's Report**

Dr. Higgins discussed with the Board a suggested amendment to the regulations that would change the procedures under which the Credentials Review Committee operated. The proposed amendment would remove the right of applicants to testify in support of their credentials review applications.

The secretary also reminded Board members that he is seeking suggestions for possible amendments to the current certification code.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Schnur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Gay and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

The next scheduled public meeting will be on Thursday, September 21, 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