

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
September 22, 2005**

Present: Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair
Dr. Robert Higgins, Acting Secretary
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Ms. Ida Bilbow, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Ms. Gail Cropper
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Mr. William King
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Dr. Stuart Schnur
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Mr. Richard Kaplan

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Assistant Commissioner Ten Eyck, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Dr. Schnur moved to adopt the minutes of the July 21, 2005 meeting as corrected, and Dr. Petix seconded the motion. With Mr. King, Dr. Gitenstein, Mr. Bohnert and Dr. McNally abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Bilbow made a motion to amend the agenda with the legal cases of Cheryl Chase, Joanne Graziano and Cynthia Mazzeo. Dr. Petix seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

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

Susan Costello	School Psychologist – Ms. Costello was accompanied by Ms. Vicki Pede, Chief School Administrator, Harmony Township Schools, who spoke on her behalf.
Susan Hansen	School Psychologist – Ms. Hansen was accompanied by Dr. Thomas P. Frio, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services, Point Pleasant School District, who spoke on her behalf.
Heather Jones	Principal Certificate of Eligibility
Catherine Kavanagh	School Psychologist – Ms. Kavanagh was accompanied by Dr. Irv Simkins, Director, Child Study Team, Salem County Special Services School District, who spoke on her behalf.
Audrey Kirkbride	School Counselor
Boni Luna	Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing

Margaret Canin-Schuck, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, Debra Powell, who is seeking a School Social Worker certificate, and Joanne Staudt, who is seeking a Teacher of the Handicapped certificate, were not present at the meeting.

Credentials Review Committee Report

There were no Credentials Review Committee Reports.

Legal Committee Report

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

Bruce Benson – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Eugene Cimis – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificate.

Joanne Graziano – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, 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.

Wheatonia Jones – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

James Kelleher - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificate.

Anderson Kendrick – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Michael Mandel – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Daniel Murray – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

George Zofchak – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Isaac Green – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Layshell Layton – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to amend the Order to Show Cause that had been issued to him to reflect the disqualifying crime.

Robert Magliulo – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification because he has been disqualified from public school employment pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.*

Jason Sparanelli – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending his completion of probation.

David Vocht – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that had been issued to him as the underlying offense was expunged.

Robert Ransom – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Torrance Watson – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificate.

Cinderella Brack – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Damein Callum – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Thomas Etts – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Timothy Kelley - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Noah Meineke - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Anthony Novelli – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

John Sain - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Anna Veit – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Maribel Azevedo – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because she did not prove that her score on the Praxis exam met the requisite standard.

Ernest Cheatham - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal because he did not prove that his grade point average met the requisite standard.

Michael Cummings – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal and recommend that he apply for a credentials review.

Jacques Johnson - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal because he did not prove that his grade point average met the requisite standard.

Carla LeBon – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

Josephine Ledene – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because she failed to show that she graduated from a regionally accredited college.

Erik Maslin - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal because he did not prove that his grade point average met the requisite standard.

Melissa Morando – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because she lacks a passing score on the language oral proficiency test.

Marybeth Roach – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because she did not prove that she had been provided incorrect information about her application for certification.

Manana Roinishvili - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because she did not prove that her grade point average met the requisite standard.

Christopher Walsh - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal because he did not prove that his grade point average met the requisite standard.

Jacqueline Wilson – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue her a standard instructional certificate.

Ms. Bilbow, Chair of the Legal Committee, moved that the Board adopt a resolution to go into closed session in order to obtain advice from counsel regarding five legal matters, *In the Matter of the Certificates of Anthony Mangan, Ellen Muench v. State Board of Examiners, In the Matter of the Certificates of Jenna Berkowitz, In the Matter of the Certificate of Joanne Alessio and Jane Kirshenbaum v. State Board of Examiners*. Dr. Schnur seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote, and the Board went into Executive Session at 12:15 P.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 1:00P.M.

Ms. Bilbow made a motion to add the following matters to the agenda: *In the Matter of the Certificates of Anthony Mangan, Ellen Muench v. State Board of Examiners, In the Matter of the Certificates of Jenna Berkowitz, In the Matter of the Certificate of Joanne Alessio and Jane Kirshenbaum v. State Board of Examiners*. Dr. Petix seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Joanne Alessio*, in which Ms. Alessio agreed to a one-year suspension of her certificate.

By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Anthony Mangan*.

By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement in *Jane Kirshenbaum v. State Board of Examiners*.

With Ms. Bilbow recusing herself, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement in *Ellen Muench v. State Board of Examiners*.

By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Jenna Berkowitz*.

Kristina Bobish – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order of Suspension that was issued to her and to table the matter until she completes the Pre-trial Intervention program.

Vinette Richardson – With Mr. Gay recusing himself, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board denied her motion for a stay of this matter.

Manuel Ferreira – With Ms. Bilbow recusing herself, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation in the Initial Decision and to revoke his certificates.

Areana Resto - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation in the Initial Decision and to suspend her certificate for two years.

Laurie Rosen – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation in the Initial Decision and to revoke her certificates.

Larry Schumacher – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation in the Initial Decision and to suspend his certificate for five years.

Stephen Fox – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct. .

Anthony Impreveduto – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of the conduct and crime.

Mary Kardashinetz – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to her.

Robert Mark – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of the conduct and crime.

Thomas O'Brien – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of the conduct and crime.

Jennifer Turner – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the nature and level of the conduct.

Cheryl Chase – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to accept the surrender of her certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Cynthia Mazzeo - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to accept the surrender of her certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins provided the Board with a status report on the Office of Licensure and Credentials.

Mr. Tirri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Schnur and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, **November 3, 2005** in the first floor conference room, **200 Riverview Plaza**, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Arlene G. Lutz.

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Acting Secretary.

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