

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
November 3, 2005**

Present: 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
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Dr. Stuart Schnur
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Dr. Jay Doolan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Ms. Gail Cropper
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Mr. Richard Kaplan
Mr. William King

The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chair, Peter Tirri, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Dr. Schnur moved to adopt the minutes of the September 22, 2005 meeting and Dr. Petix 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:

Susan Koller	School Nurse/Non-instructional – Ms. Koller was accompanied by Barbara McEvoy, Guidance Counselor, Plumstead Twp. Schools, who spoke on her behalf.
Hsuan Labowsky	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
Michelle Lee	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – Ms. Lee was accompanied by Mary-Ann Burns, Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant, Washington Twp. Schools, who spoke on her behalf.
Kenneth Zurich	School Counselor

Credentials Review Committee Report

Margaret Canin-Schuck	School Counselor - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board denied her application for certification.
Susan Costello	School Psychologist – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board denied her application for certification. The Board granted her partial credit for a school psychologist externship and 9 credits in testing.
Susan Hansen	School Psychologist – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board denied her application for certification. The Board granted her partial credit for a school psychologist externship and three credits in counseling.
Heather Jones	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Catherine Kavanagh	School Psychologist – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board denied her application for certification. The Board granted her partial credit for 3 credits in educational foundations, 3 credits in education of the handicapped and a school psychologist externship.

Audrey Kirkbride	School Counselor – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. The Board voted to grant her partial credit for 3 credits in counseling, 3 credits in psychology, and 3 credits in community agencies, organizations and resources.
Boni Luna	Teacher of Spanish Standard Certificate– By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Debra Powell	School Social Worker – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Joanne Staudt	Teacher of the Handicapped – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to grant 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 Collier – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Frederick Colstales –By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Juliette Kersaint – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Douglas Klein – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Serdar Koyas – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Paul Messino - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Corey Vaughn –With Ms. Bilbow recusing herself, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Theodore Wurster – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Cesar Escurra – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the suspension of his School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility.

Anna Humphrey – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause as the underlying charges were dismissed.

Timothy Kelley – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

George Shaffer – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause as the underlying offense had been expunged.

Suzanne Stabile - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause as the underlying charges were dismissed.

Askiaa Nash – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the first Order to Show Cause that was issued to him.

Daniel Reid - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause as the underlying charges were dismissed.

Fran Zaso – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Jack Bier - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Gwendolyn Carter - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Tracey Colasuonna - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

John Cook – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of further information.

Victor Littles - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of further information.

Any Lordi - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Natalie Milstein - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of further information.

DeShan Moore - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of further information.

Jason Phillips - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending receipt of further information.

John Piorkowski - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Lorianne Stamatiou – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Lou Woroch - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Sady Albertini –By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because she lacks a passing score on the Praxis exam.

Elizabeth Berger – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to transfer the case to the Credentials Review Committee for its input in the matter.

Adrienne Capone – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because she did not attend an approved teacher preparation program.

Yolanda Davidson – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because she lacks the required grade point average.

Leah Koot – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because her degree is not from a regionally accredited college.

Lauren Kreisberg – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table her appeal for further investigation.

Sandra Mann-Rennie – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table her appeal and to request further information.

Larry Rosen - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to transfer the case to the Credentials Review Committee for its input in the matter.

Jefferey Skolnick – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal because he lacks the required grade point average.

Joel Wagoner - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal because he lacks the required grade point average.

Mark Harrison – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to grant his appeal and to permit him to participate in the Provisional Teacher Program for an additional year.

Scott Peters – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table his motion for a stay pending receipt of an appropriate motion.

Sandra Kearney – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge and dismissed the Order to Show Cause.

Harry Baran – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate pending resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Carmella Confessore – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her teaching certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Roger Fitzgerald – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Janet Ingram – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her teaching certificate for two years based on the nature and level of her conduct.

Carlos Maldonado - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

James Nafus - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Ligia Pioquinto-Okoszko - By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Lisa Plaia – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Rosa Sarduy – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Gregory Stauffer – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Melissa Wilson – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Lisandra Zingaro – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The members discussed adopting a different time for the Board to begin its public session.

Secretary's Report

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

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 1:40 P.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, **December 8, 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.