

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
100 Riverview Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
January 18, 2007**

**Present:** Dr. Robert Higgins, Acting Secretary  
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General  
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee  
Mr. James Gay, Chair, Legal Committee  
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein  
Mr. Richard Kaplan  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Dr. Herman Saatkamp  
Mr. Peter Tirri  
Ms. Priscilla Vimislik  
Mr. Barry Worman

**Absent:** Dr. Jay Doolan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Chair  
Mr. Jerome Bohnert  
Ms. Gail Cropper  
Mr. Michael Kruczek  
Dr. Adam Pfeffer

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

Dr. Gitenstein moved to adopt the minutes of the December 7, 2006 meeting, and Mr. Worman 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:

Shahid Abdul-Karim	Teacher of Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility
Keith Breiman	Supervisor
Bradley Kasper	Student Personnel Services
Jodi Kosofsky	School Counselor

Karen Hoffman, who is seeking certification as a Reading Specialist, and Joseph Williams, who is seeking a Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-5 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, were not present at the meeting.

**Credentials Review Committee Report**

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following cases that were on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List for members who had been present at the December 7, 2006 meeting and heard the candidates’ presentations. Dr. McNally seconded the motion, and, by a vote of 8 to 0, the Board adopted the following actions:

Roxanne Doughty-Blair	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her application for certification.
Marshall “Lee” MacDonald	School Counselor – The Board granted his application for certification.
Michael J. Novick	Teacher of Elementary School with Specialization in Middle School Sciences – The Board granted his application for certification.
Victoria Ramirez	Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her application for certification.

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List of cases in which the candidates were not present at the December 7, 2006 meeting to make presentations. Dr. McNally seconded the motion, and the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 8 to 0.

Michael Mason	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board denied his application for certification.
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## **Legal Committee Report**

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

Julie DeFeo – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter in order to obtain additional information.

Shauna Ehlers – 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.

Teresa Gallo – With Dr. Gitenstein voting no, by a vote of 7 to 1, the Board voted to take no action against her certificate and to send a letter to her disapproving of her conduct.

Christopher Gentile – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter in order to obtain additional information.

Dean Howarth – 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.

Curtis Robinson – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, 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.

Rajend Sharma - With Dr. Gitenstein and Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 6 to 2, the Board voted to take no action against his certificate and to send a letter to him disapproving of his conduct.

Larry Hill – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that had been issued to him and to issue a new Order to Show Cause based on the findings of the DYFS report.

Allau Jauregui – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board vacated the Order to Show Cause that was issued to him since the underlying criminal charges were dismissed.

Roslyn Major – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board vacated the Order to Show Cause that was issued to her as the findings in the DYFS report were amended.

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

Garrett Falco - By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Angel Johnson – With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 7 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Stephanie Scianna - By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Mashariki Wilson - By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

William Maier – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal.

Adam Piccoli – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal.

Rebecca Platzner – With Dr. McNally recusing herself, by a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal and to backdate the issuance date of her certificate two months.

Devon Savage – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal.

Leonard Grant – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to relax the timeline for filing an appeal and to permit him to appeal.

Samantha Brooks – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification because she is disqualified from public school employment.

Joseph Mazarella – With Mr. Gay and Mr. Tirri voting no, by a vote of 6 to 2, the Board voted to modify the Initial Decision and to revoke all his certificates.

Bruce Skerbetz – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision and to suspend his certificate for one year.

Daniel McHarris – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the hearing and to send the hearing notice directly to the respondent.

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

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board’s legal decisions from the December 7, 2006 meeting, and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion. The following decisions on the legal consent list were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Orders to Show Cause

John Ahern  
John Collins  
Kelliann Garcia

Robin Gialanella  
Steven Kramer  
Andrew Monath  
Virginia Rachko  
Christopher Rivera  
Hassan Vann

### Hearings

Carol Ann Futrell  
Raymond Gambone

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the Order to Show Cause for Bruce Cerra that was on the legal consent list, and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion. With Mr. Worman recusing himself, the motion was passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Gay made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice on the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate of James Carney*, *In the Matter of the Certificates of Wendy Clothier* and *In the Matter of the Certificates of Robert Selfridge*. Dr. Gitenstein seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:08 P.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:18 P.M.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Thomas Carney*. Mr. Worman seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Kaplan made a motion that the Board reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Robert Selfridge*. Mr. Worman seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Kaplan made a motion that the Board accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Wendy Clothier*. Mr. Worman seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Clothier's certificates will be deemed revoked, with all attendant consequences.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Secretary's Report**

Dr. Higgins reported that the department was preparing the matrix for certification, which will be released soon.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Saatkamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 P.M.

The next scheduled public meeting will be on Thursday, February 22, 2007 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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