

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting (Amended March 31, 2011)
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
November 2, 2006**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Acting Secretary
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. James Gay, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Ms. Gail Cropper
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Mr. Richard Kaplan
Mr. Michael Kruczek
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Ms. Priscilla Vimislik
Mr. Barry Worman

Absent: Dr. Jay Doolan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Dr. Herman Saatkamp
Mr. Peter Tirri

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Jerome Bohnert, 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 a new member of the Board, Mr. Michael Kruczek.

Ms. Gales moved to adopt the minutes of the September 21, 2006 meeting and Mr. Worman seconded the motion. With two members 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:

Kim Arrigo	Teacher of American Sign Language. Ms. Arrigo was accompanied by Dennis Russell, Superintendent, Katzenbach School for the Deaf, who spoke on her behalf. Dr. Gitenstein recused herself from the presentation.
Donna Corea	Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3
David Hinkle	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility. Mr. Kruczek recused himself from the presentation.
Cherie O'Neill-Tittermary	School Counselor
Diana Panchyk	Teacher of French. Mr. Panchyk was accompanied by her father, Robert Panchyk, a retired New York City school administrator, who spoke on her behalf.
Giovanni Pozzo	Teacher of Italian Certificate of Eligibility
Socorro Valle Santana	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant

Thomas Anthony, who is seeking a Standard Teacher of English certificate, and Christine Harttraft, who is seeking a School Administrator certificate, were not present at the meeting.

Credentials Review Committee Report

Ms. Gales then 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 September 21, 2006 meeting and heard the candidates' presentations, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. Gitenstein abstaining, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board adopted the following actions:

Kathleen Cosgrove	Standard Teacher of Elementary School – The Board denied her application for a standard certificate but granted her a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing.
Tasha Davis	Elementary Education with Subject Matter Specialization-Mathematics – The Board granted her application for certification.
Rosalie Mancino	Supervisor – The Board granted her application for certification.
Mark Thompson	Teacher of Biological Science – The Board denied his 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 September 21, 2006 meeting to make presentations. Dr. McNally seconded the motion, and the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 10 to 0.

Diann Boms	Standard Teacher of Elementary School – The Board granted her application for certification.
Maria Cardiellos	School Social Worker – The Board denied her application but granted her partial credit for study in medical information.
Kathleen Hoffman	Associate School Library Media Specialist – The Board denied a reconsideration of her application.
Caroline Labin	Reading Specialist – The Board granted her application for certification.
Mary Ann Ruiz	Substance Awareness Coordinator – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her partial credit for study in Fundamentals of drug and alcohol abuse and dependency and Coordination of prevention programs.

Ms. Gales made a motion to add the to the agenda the case of Sherri Glennon, who is seeking a standard Teacher of the Handicapped certificate. Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Gales made a motion to deny her application for certification and to award her partial credit for 18 credits in the education of the handicapped and 12 credits in professional education. The motion was seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote.

Legal Committee Report

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

Joshua Baez – 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.

Anthony Jones – 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.

Alex Karas – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause seeking suspension of his certificate pending the resolution of the current criminal charges against him.

William Mascuch – 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.

Christopher Molokwu – 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.

Kristina Spirito – 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.

Ricky Sullivan – 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.

Andrew Zantow – 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.

Kathleen Kavazanjian – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending resolution of the current criminal charges against her.*

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

Paul Olenick – With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 9 to 1, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause as the underlying criminal charges had been dismissed.

Frank Guastella - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 9 to 1, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause as the underlying criminal charges had been dismissed.

Joseph Pellegrino – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter and to seek further information.

Troy Hylick – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of his conduct.

Michael Cummings – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Jennifer McFadden - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Glenn Moore – With Dr. Gitenstein and Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 8 to 2, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Brenda Sofield – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Lauren Egbert – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to grant her appeal.

Lauren Perino – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to transfer the case to the Credentials Review Committee.

Peter Halas – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Joseph White – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation in the Initial Decision and to revoke his certificates.

Bruce Benson – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct.

Kim Carlos - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

Albert DiEmidio - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

Shauna Ehlers – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate pending the resolution of the current criminal charges against her.

John Evans - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

Peter Higginson - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

Gregory Netschert - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

Michael Pawlowski - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

Ernest Piano - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

Jose Pizarro - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

Jamie Riccardi – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate pending the resolution of the current criminal charges against him.

Lewis Shinkle - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct.

Mark Steele - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

Henry Vanegas-Salcedo – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct and crime.

George Zofchak - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of conduct.

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 September 21, 2006 meeting, and Ms. Cropper seconded the motion. The following cases on the legal consent list were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Orders to Show Cause

John Collier
Paul Glass
Carmen Heyaime
Wheatonia Jones
Aikaterini Karis
Gerald Luongo
Adam Mujica
Scott Peters
Bryan Scalzo
Richard Segars

Hearings

Craig Brodman –Revoke his certificate
Joseph Bruno - Revoke his certificate
Corrado Diamante - Revoke his certificate
Dominic Digioacchino - Revoke his certificate
Michael Gudewitz - Revoke his certificate
Robert Janiszewski - Revoke his certificate
Keith Kaufman - Revoke his certificate
Brian Krieger - Revoke his certificate

Thomas McNeill - Revoke his certificate
Daniel Mullay - Revoke his certificate
Robert Quinn - Revoke his certificate
Stanley Rogers - Revoke his certificate
Olga Stasiuk - Revoke her certificate
Arthur Vespignani - Revoke his certificate
Brian Weiss - Revoke his certificate

Other

Susan Dougherty – Deny her appeal
Anthony Jones – Deny his appeal

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Mr. Bohnert made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice on the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Joanne Graziano, In the Matter of the Certificate of Thomas Carney, In the Matter of the Certificates of Wendy Clothier and Sandra Mann-Rennie v. State Board of Examiners.* Mr. Gay seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:42 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:59 A.M.

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

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

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board reject the proposed settlement in *Sandra Mann-Rennie v. State Board of Examiners.* Ms. Cropper seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Joanne Graziano,* in which Ms. Graziano agrees to the surrender of her teaching certificates with the force and effect of a revocation, and Ms. Cropper seconded the motion. With Mr. Kruczek abstaining, the motion was

unanimously carried, and Ms. Graziano's certificates were revoked effective immediately.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins welcomed Mr. Kruczek to the Board. He also announced that the department is working on the matrix, which matches the position in school districts to the certification required for the position. There have been many instances in which employed individuals do not hold the correct certificate for the positions that they are filling.

Adjournment

Dr. Gitenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Gay and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

The next scheduled public meeting will be on Thursday, December 7, 2006 in the **third 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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