

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting (Amended Sept. 21, 2012)
100 Riverview Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
February 22, 2007**

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

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.

Mr. Kaplan moved to adopt the minutes of the January 18, 2007 meeting, and Mr. Worman seconded the motion. With Dr. Pfeffer abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

There were no credentials review presentations.

Faycel Bejaoui, who is seeking a Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility, and John Ross, who is seeking a standard Teacher of Social Studies certificate, 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. Pfeffer seconded the motion, and, by a vote of 8 to 0, the Board adopted the following actions:

Shahid Abdul-Karim	Teacher of Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.
Keith Breiman	Supervisor Eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.
Bradley Kasper	Student Personnel Services – The Board denied his application for certification.
Jodi Kosofsky	School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification. The Board voted to grant her partial credit for six credits in sociological foundations.

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 these cases the candidates were not present at the January 18, 2007 meeting to make presentations. Dr. Pfeffer seconded the motion, and the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 8 to 0.

Karen Hoffman	Reading Specialist – The Board granted her application for certification.
Joseph Williams	Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-5 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied his 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:

Julianna Abbattista - By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter and to seek further information.

Paul Borek – 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.

Daniel Edwards - 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.

Michael Festa – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Edward Margotti – 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.

Deborah Monahan – 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.

Tara O’Neill – 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.

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

Jodi Thorp – 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.

Joan Winter – 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.

Carmen Heyaime – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending resolution of the criminal charges against her.

Kristina Spirito – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter pending resolution of the criminal charges against her.

Frances Bundy – 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.

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

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

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

Ronald Gatewood – By a vote of 5 to 4, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Douglas Steinmetz - With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 7 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Jaclyn Mulligan – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to grant her appeal and to issue an emergency certificate to her.

Jayanthi Ramaswamy – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter and to transfer it to the Credentials Review Committee for its review.

Thea Snyder – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal as she does not meet the regulatory requirements for certification.

Ellen Muench – With Mr. Kaplan voting no and Dr. Pfeffer abstaining, by a vote of 6 to 1, the Board voted to permit her to file a petition.

Elsie Graham – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificates for two years based on the level and nature of her conduct.

James Hayden – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Scott Peters - By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Vinnette Richardson – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificates pending the resolution of the criminal process.

Bryan Scalzo - By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Jamie Simon – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the surrender of her certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Albert Sorrell – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his county substitute credential pending resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Traci Tapp – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Ivonne Krasnick – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to grant her appeal and to issue her a certificate.

Claude Sacramone – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to grant his appeal and to issue him a certificate.

Dr. Saatkamp made a motion that the Board adopt the matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board’s legal decisions from the January 18, 2007 meeting, and Mr. Worman seconded the motion. The following decisions on the legal consent list were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Orders to Show Cause

Shauna Ehlers
Dean Howarth
Larry Hill
Joseph Mazzarella

Hearings

Wendy Clothier
Joseph Mazzarella
Bruce Skerbetz

Block application for certification

Samantha Brooks
William Maier

Appeals

Adam Piccoli
Devon Savage

Dr. Saatkamp made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the appeal of Rebecca Platzner that was on the legal consent list, and Mr. Worman seconded the motion. With Dr. McNally recusing herself, the motion was passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Dr. Saatkamp made a motion that the Board adopt the Order to Show Cause for Curtis Robinson that was on the legal consent list, and Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion. With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the motion was passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Dr. Saatkamp 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 Albert Reinoso, In the Matter of the Certificates of Marstiner Hayes, In the Matter of the Certificate of Christopher Molokwu* and *In the Matter of the Certificates of Kathy White*. Dr. McNally seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:38 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:38 P.M.

Dr. Saatkamp made a motion that the Board accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Albert Reinoso*. Mr. Worman seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. As a result of the settlement, the administrative certificates of Mr. Reinoso will be revoked and the Order to Show Cause will be withdrawn as to his other certificates.

Dr. Saatkamp made a motion that the Board reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Marstiner Hayes*. 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 Certificate of Christopher Molokwu*. Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion, and, with Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Kaplan made a motion that the Board vacate the Order to Show Cause in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Kathy White*. Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reminded members to review the proposed schedule of Board meetings for the 2007-08 school year in order to determine their availability on the proposed dates.

Adjournment

Mr. Worman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Kaplan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

The next scheduled public meeting will be on Thursday, March 29, 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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