

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
March 29, 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
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Ms. Gail Cropper
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Mr. Michael Kruczek
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Dr. Herman Saatkamp
Mr. Barry Worman

Absent: Dr. Jay Doolan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Mr. Richard Kaplan
Mr. Peter Tirri

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

Mr. Kruczek moved to adopt the minutes of the February 22, 2007 meeting, and Dr. Saatkamp seconded the motion. With Dr. Gitenstein, Ms. Cropper and Mr. Bohnert abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

Joyce Dindayal	Associate School Library Media Specialist
Debra Fierra	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
David Langford	Teacher of French Certificate of Eligibility
Christopher Loeffler	Teacher of Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility. Mr. Loeffler was accompanied by Carol Grossi, Principal, Cranford High School, who spoke on his behalf.
Michael Lunger	Teacher of Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility
Peter McKinney	Teacher of the Handicapped
Debra Porowski	Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics

Lori Amison, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, and Elisabeth Kvalo Savino, who is seeking a School Counselor 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 matters on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List of cases. In these matters the candidates were not present at the February 22, 2007 meeting to make presentations. Dr. McNally seconded the motion, and the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 9 to 0.

Faycel Bejaoui	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.
John Ross	Teacher of Social Studies – 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:

Richard Buffa – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Dario Camara – With Dr. McNally recusing herself, 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.

Casey Fabyanski – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Joseph Giorgio – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

James Misoka – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Jamie Riccardi – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Diane Rothacker – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Cheryl Tedesco – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Javon Andrews – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Virginia Atahualpa - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Colleen Chatman - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Stacy Ehrlinger - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Gina Hidalgo - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Carl Pietrangelo - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Hector Vargas - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Erin Podwils – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to dismiss her appeal as she had not provided good cause to relax the time for filing an appeal.

Sara Tenenbaum – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal for a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing as she did not attend an accredited teacher training program.

Robert Aloia – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny the petition that was filed against him as the petition provided insufficient reason to take action against his certificates.

Patricia Cosgrove - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny the petition that was filed against her as the petition provided insufficient reason to take action against her certificates.

Russell Davis - By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny the petition that was filed against him as the petition provided insufficient reason to take action against his certificates.

Joshua Baez – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Bruce Engelke – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Alex Karas – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the surrender of his certificate with the force and effect as a revocation.

Gerald Luongo – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Daniel McHarris – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate pending the resolution of the underlying criminal charges against him.

Adam Mujica – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Rickey Sullivan – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Adam Zucker – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

LaGreta Brown – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to adopt with modification the recommendation in the Initial Decision that the Order to Show Cause be dismissed.

Brenda Koonce – With Ms. Cropper recusing herself, by a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation in the Initial Decision that the Order to Show Cause be dismissed.

David Toler – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation in the Initial Decision that his certificate should be revoked.

Dale Brooks – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the documentation that he had provided and reinstated his certificate.

Kevin Wittekind – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the propose Order consolidating the certification case with his appeal of the DYFS report.

Jayanthi Ramaswamy – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant her appeal and to issue her a Teacher of Chemistry Certificate of Eligibility.

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 February 22, 2007 meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The following decisions on the legal consent list were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Orders to Show Cause

Paul Borek
Daniel Edwards
Michael Festa
Edward Margotti
Deborah Monahan
Tara O’Neill
Joan Winter

Hearings

Elsie Graham
James Hayden
Scott Peters
Vinnette Richardson
Bryan Scalzo
Albert Sorrell
Traci Tapp

Block application for certification

Ronald Gatewood

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the appeal of Thea Snyder that was on the legal consent list, and Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion. With Dr. Pfeffer recusing himself, the motion was passed by a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the Order to Show Cause for Jodi Thorp that was on the legal consent list, and Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 9 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 Albert Reinoso, In the Matter of the Certificates of Marstiner Hayes, In the Matter of the Certificate of Aikaterini Karis In the Matter of the Certificates of Sylvia Bernard, In the Matter of the Certificates of Robert Selfridge and Sandra Mann-Rennie v. State Board of Examiners*. Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:40 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:46 A.M.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Sylvia Bernard*. Mr. Kruczek 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 Certificate of Aikaterini Karis*. Dr. Gitenstein 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 Certificate of Robert Selfridge*. Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion, and the motion 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 Albert Reinoso*. Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. As a result, Mr. Reinoso's Principal certificate will be revoked and the Order to Show Cause will be withdrawn as to his other certificates.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Marstiner Hayes*. Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Hayes' Principal/Supervisor Certificate of Eligibility and Principal/Supervisor certificate will be suspended for one year and the Order to Show Cause will be withdrawn as to her other certificates.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board accept the proposed settlement in *Sandra Mann-Rennie v. State Board of Examiners*. Mr. Kruczek seconded the motion, which

was carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Mann-Rennie will be permitted to file an appeal pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-18.(d).

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins announced that Priscilla Vimislik has resigned from the Board as she had resigned her position as a high school principal.

Adjournment

Mr. Worman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Kruczek and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

The next scheduled public meeting will be on Thursday, May 3, 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