

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
May 3, 2007**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Acting Secretary
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Ms. Gail Cropper
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Christopher Nagy
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Mr. Peter Tirri
Mr. Barry Worman

Absent: Dr. Jay Doolan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Mr. James Gay
Mr. Richard Kaplan
Mr. Michael Kruczek
Dr. Herman Saatkamp

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Mr. Peter Tirri, 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 Dr. Christopher Nagy, who was nominated to fill an unexpired term on the Board.

Dr. Gitenstein moved to adopt the minutes of the March 29, 2007 meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Cropper made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice on the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate of Christopher*

Grendysa. Dr. Gitenstein seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:18 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:31 A.M.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

Michael Belh	Teacher of the Handicapped
Frances Corvasce	Teacher of English
Kristen Kowit	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility
Alyssa Monastersky	School Counselor
George E. Obermeier	Substance Awareness Coordinator Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
Anthony Passante	Teacher of the Handicapped – Mr. Passante was accompanied by Fred Keating, Superintendent, Gloucester County Special Services School District, who spoke on his behalf.
Doreen Torrillo	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing

Mr. Bohnert made a motion that the Board send a letter to the Gloucester County Special Services School District advising the district that it had improperly employed an individual who lacked certification. Mr. Worman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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. Mr. Bohnert seconded the motion. In these matters the candidates were present at the March 29, 2007 meeting and made presentations to the Board. With Mr. Tirri recusing himself and Dr. Nagy abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 7 to 0.

Joyce Dindayal	Associate School Library Media Specialist – The Board denied her application for a standard certificate and granted her an Associate School Library Media Specialist Certificate of Eligibility.
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Debra Fierra	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board denied her application for certification. The Board also granted her partial credit for study in Remediation of Basic Skills.
David Langford	Teacher of French Certificate of Eligibility – Tthe Board denied his application for certification.
Christopher Loeffler	Teacher of Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Michael Lunger	Teacher of Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.
Peter McKinney	Teacher of the Handicapped – The Board granted his application for certification.
Debra Porowski	Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics – The Board granted 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 March 29, 2007 meeting to make presentations. Mr. Bohnert seconded the motion, and, with Dr. Nagy abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 7 to 0.

Lori Amison	School Counselor – The Board granted her application for certification.
Elisabeth Kvalo Savino	School Counselor – The Board granted 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:

Nina Chavis – 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.

Elizabeth Gasparovic – 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.

Steven Gimson – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter for receipt of additional information.

Douglas Hanania – 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 pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.*

Bennie Martin – 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.

Gregory Monsolino – With Ms. Gales recusing herself, 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.

Raymond Nasta – 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.

William O’Leary – 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.

Robert Paladino – 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.

Mary Sirangelo – 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

Richard Slayton – 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.

Anthony Wade – 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.

Lorianne Stamatiou – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the block that it had issued against her application for certification in 2005 and to permit her to apply for certification.

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

Camille Booth – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal seeking a certificate because she lacks a passing score on the required Praxis test.

Colleen Knoedler – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table her appeal for receipt of additional information.

Scott Seidel – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table his appeal for receipt of additional information.

Vivian Clay – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal of the rating that she had received in the Provisional Teacher Program.

Leonard Grant – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal of the rating that he had received in the Provisional Teacher Program.

Amy Burke – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her teaching certificates with the force and effect of a revocation, with all attendant consequences.

Joseph Mazzarella – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny his motion for a stay of the Order of Revocation pending appeal and to grant his motion to hold the Order to Show Cause in abeyance pending resolution of the appeal.

Curtis Robinson – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to grant his motion for a stay pending the resolution of related litigation.

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

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

Christopher Molokwu – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the nature and level of his conduct.

Andrew Monath – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter for receipt of additional information.

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

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

Wheatonia Jones – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation in the Initial Decision and to dismiss the Order to Show Cause that it had issued to her.

Juliette Kersaint – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation in the Initial Decision and to revoke her certificate.

Ms. Cropper made a motion that the Board adopt the matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board’s legal decisions from the March 29, 2007 meeting, and Mr. Worman seconded the motion. With Dr. Nagy abstaining, the following decisions on the legal consent list were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Issue an Order to Show Cause

Richard Buffa
Casey Fabayanski
Joseph Giorgio
James Misoka
Jamie Riccardi
Diane Rothacker
Cheryl Tedesco

Hearings – Revoke Certification

Joshua Baez
Bruce Engelke
Gerald Luongo
Adam Mujica
Rickey Sullivan
Adam Zucker

Hearings – Suspend Certification

Daniel McHarris

Adopt Initial Decision with Modification and Dismiss Order to Show Cause

LaGreta Brown

Adopt Initial Decision and Revoke Certification

David Toler

Deny appeal

Erin Podewils

Ms. Cropper made a motion that the Board adopt the order to show cause to Dario Camaro that was on the legal consent list, and Mr. Worman seconded the motion. With Dr. McNally recusing herself, the motion adopted unanimously.

Ms. Cropper moved that the Board table the appeal of Sara Tenenbaum that was on the consent list and consider the case at the June 7, 2007 meeting. Mr. Bohnert seconded the motion, and with Dr. Nagy abstaining, the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Pfeffer made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Brenda Koonce* that was on the legal consent list, and Mr. Worman seconded the motion. With Ms. Cropper recusing herself, the motion was passed by a vote of 7 to 0. As a result, the Order to Show Cause that was issued to Ms. Koonce will be dismissed.

Ms. Cropper 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 Larry Tuorto, In the*

Matter of the Certificates of Michael Schailey, In the Matter of the Certificate of Barry Staton, and In the Matter of the Certificates of Sylvia Bernard. Dr. McNally seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:18 P.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:57 P.M.

Mr. Worman made a motion that the Board reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Christopher Grendysa.* Dr. McNally seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Bohnert made a motion that the Board accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Larry Tuorto.* Ms. Gales seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. As a result, the Order to Show Cause that was issued to Mr. Tuorto will be dismissed.

Mr. Bohnert made a motion that the Board reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Sylvia Bernard.* Dr. Nagy seconded the motion, and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. McNally made a motion that the Board reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Michael Schailey.* Mr. Bohnert seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. McNally made a motion that the Board accept the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Barry Staton.* Mr. Bohnert seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. In accord with the settlement, Mr. Staton's teaching certificates will be revoked.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins welcomed Dr. Christopher Nagy to the Board. Dr. Nagy is the principal of Allentown High School, and he has joined the Board to fill an unexpired term.

Dr. Higgins also reminded Board members that the annual luncheon will be held after the meeting on June 7, 2007. Members will receive further information about the luncheon with the next agenda.

Adjournment

Mr. Bohnert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 P.M.

The next scheduled public meeting will be on Thursday, June 7, 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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