

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Third Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
November 1, 2007**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Mr. Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. James Gay, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Mr. Michael Kruczek
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Christopher Nagy
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Dr. Herman Saatkamp
Peter Tirri

Absent: Dr. Jay Doolan, Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Ms. Gail Cropper
Dr. Carlos Hernández
Mr. Barry Worman

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. Higgins read the roll call, duly noted above.

Dr. Adam Pfeffer moved and Dr. Patricia McGeehan seconded a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 20, 2007 meeting. The minutes were unanimously adopted, with Dr. Herman Saatkamp and Mr. Peter Tirri abstaining.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentations

Richard F. Cote, Jr.

Cooperative Education Coordinator – Hazardous
Occupations

Susan Jensen*	Teacher of Family and Consumer Science – Foods, Nutrition and Food Science
Stephen Kaplan	Teacher of English and Teacher of Theatre
Anna Maria Makrinos*	Teacher of Elementary School (N-8)
Kerry Marcus	Teacher of Italian Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
Ivelyese Pillot	School Counselor
Nivia Rojas	School Social Worker

*Susan Jensen and Anna Maria Makrinos were scheduled to present but did not attend.

Credentials Review Consent List

Applicants Present at the November 1, 2007 Board Meeting. Ms. Joanne Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List of cases. Ms. Mary Jane McNally seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the July 19, 2007 meeting and made presentations to the Board. With Mr. Peter Tirri abstaining and Dr. Herman Saatkamp having had to leave the meeting at 11:00, the Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 8 to 0.

Kevin Bobetich	Supervisor The appeal was denied.
Deepa Desai	English as a Second Language (specialized pedagogy requirement) The appeal was granted.
Stacey Fiedler	Teacher of Deaf or Hard of Hearing The appeal was granted.
Patricia Hoffman	Teacher of Earth Science Certificate of Eligibility The appeal was denied.
Maryellen Kidd	Standard Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 The appeal was denied.
Leah Koot	Standard Teacher of Elementary School and Standard Teacher of Students with Disabilities The appeal was denied.
Dr. Dennis LaScala	School Counselor The appeal was denied but Dr. LaScala was awarded credit for his practicum.
Michael Pettola	Standard Teacher of Comprehensive Business The appeal was granted.
Louise Yorke	Teacher of Deaf or Hard of Hearing

The appeal was granted.

Applicants Not Present at the November 1, 2007 Board Meeting. Ms. Joanne Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List of cases. Ms. Mary Jane McNally seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 9 to 0.

Pasqualina Fiordilino	Standard Teacher of Italian The appeal was denied.
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Mikenzie Helphenstine	Reading Specialist The appeal was denied.
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In addition, the Credentials Review Committee referred the case of Eileen Bowker back to the Legal Committee for decision.

Legal Committee Report

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

Evidentiary Hearing

Paul Borek – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Borek’s certificate.

Dario Camara – by a vote of 8-0 with Ms. Mary Jane McNally recused, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Camara’s certificates.

Daniel Edwards – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Edwards’ certificates.

Michael Festa – by a vote of 8-1, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Festa’s certificates.

Joseph Giorgio – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Giorgio’s certificate.

Edward Margotti – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Margotti’s certificate.

Tara O’Neill – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. O’Neill’s certificate.

Jamie Riccardi – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Riccardi’s certificates.

Diane Rothacker – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Rothacker’s certificate.

Initial Review

Lisa Denardi – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate should not be revoked.

Greg Eisenstein – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate should not be revoked.

Lawrence Hart – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked.

Beatrice Hemmings – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be revoked.

Carl Pietrangelo – by a vote of 8-1 with Mr. Peter Tirri voting nay, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate should not be revoked.

Michael Russo – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked.

Neal Ziskind – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to block his application for certification and to send him a letter saying that expungement of the conviction would allow the Board to lift the block.

Self Report

Jill Barber – by a vote of 9-0, the Board took no action to block the application.

Joseph Carpenter – by a vote of 9-0, the Board took no action to block the application.

Soraida Charneco – by a vote of 9-0, the Board took no action to block the application.

Chris Checchetto – by a vote of 9-0, the Board took no action to block the application.

Rick Gazzola – by a vote of 9-0, the Board took no action to block the application.

Mara A. Patti – by a vote of 9-0, the Board took no action to block the application.

Rosell Ridley – by a vote of 9-0, the Board took no action to block the application.

Jason Streater – by a vote of 9-0, the Board took no action to block the application.

Third Review

Kathleen Kavazanjian – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause and to take no action to block the application.

Kristina Spiritos – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause and to take no action to block the application.

Fourth Review

Kristina Bobish – by a vote of 9-0, the Board voted to vacate the order of suspension, to vacate the order to show cause, and to take no action to block the application.

Legal Consent List

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the matters that were on the Legal Committee consent list memorializing the Board’s legal decisions from the July 19, 2007 meeting, and Mr. Kruczyk seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following actions by a vote of 9 to 0.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Thomas DeCou
- b. Sheryl Gleim
- c. Jennifer Ostile
- d. Guy Suabedissen
- e. David Vanden Heuvel

Hearings

None

Other

None

Other Business

In the Matter of the Certificates of Kelly Ann Garcia, by a vote of 9-0, the board voted to accept the proposed settlement of certificate surrender with, the full force and effect of revocation.

In the Matter of the Certificates of Paul Glass, by a vote of 9-0 the board voted to accept the proposed settlement of certificate surrender with the full force and effect of revocation.

In the Matter of the Certificates of Michael Schailey, by a vote of 8-1 the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement of a two year suspension, with Dr. Adam Pfeffer voting 'no.'

In the Matter of the Certificates of Theodore Wurster, by a vote of 9-0, the Board rejected the settlement offer proposed by Mr. Wurster.

Old Business

No matters of old business were raised.

New Business

Board member Jerome Bohnert announced that the December 6, 2007 meeting would be his last meeting due to his retirement as Paramus District Business Administrator at the end of the month.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 11:51 a.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be on Thursday, January 17, 2008, in the **First** floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared and certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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