

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
May 11, 2009**

Present: Mr. Michael Walters, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Cynthia Rimol, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. JoAnn Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. James Gay, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Terrence Crowley
Mr. Thomas MacGregor
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Christopher Nagy
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Dr. Jay Doolan, Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Dr. Carlos Hernández
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

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

Mr. Gay moved to adopt the minutes of the March 31, 2009 meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. Nagy, Dr. Pfeffer and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the minutes were approved as corrected by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review

The following individuals attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board regarding their experience:

Angelique Alvarez

Standard Teacher of Mathematics

Deborah Harvey	Teacher of the Handicapped/Teacher of Students with Disabilities
Pamela Barrett	Teacher of the Handicapped
Dr. Robert Belding	Standard Teacher of Physical Science
Gary Berger	School Counselor
Grant Sporny	Standard Teacher of Social Studies
John Payne	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing

Donna Paolin, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, Sybilree Fitzgerald, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, and Stephanie Yandola, who is seeking a Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, were not present at the meeting.

Credentials Review Consent List

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the March 31, 2009 meeting. With Dr. Nagy, Dr. Pfeffer and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Jasmine Maldonado	Teacher of Elementary School – The Board denied her application for certification.
Douglas Reynolds	School Library Media Specialist – The Board denied his application for certification but found that he was eligible to apply for the Associate School Library Media Specialist certificate of eligibility.

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was not present at the March 31, 2009 meeting. With Dr. Nagy, Dr. Pfeffer and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Clarice Howe Johnson	School Library Media Specialist – The Board denied her application for certification but found that she had fulfilled the field experience requirement through her experiences.
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Legal Committee Report

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

Carl Hill – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Anthony Calandrillo – 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 and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Timothy P. Fetter – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Anthony Franco – 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 and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Beth Gurtov – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Lori Lowenstein-Mase – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Richard Naylor – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Erica J. Umosella – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Mr. Crowley recusing himself, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Rose L. Farrell – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Carlos A. Garcia – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Nicholas Poliseno – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Carmen Heyaime – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause it had issued and to take no action against her certificates.

Brian R. Ball – By a vote of 8 to 1, with Dr. Pfeffer opposing, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

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

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

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

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

Lindsay Vercammen Jacobs – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

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

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

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

James Darden – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Daniel Kerekes – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Timothy Zisa – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Ruth Megargee – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny her motion for a stay of the Board's decision of February 23, 2009.

Gerald Jones – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Dr. Pfeffer abstaining, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause it had issued.

David O'Neal – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter until it received a signed consent order.

Jenna Berkowitz – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the consent order in this matter and suspend her certificate for one year, effective July 1, 2009.

Guy Suabedissen – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the consent order in this matter and suspend his certificates for three years, effective immediately.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt all of the matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board’s legal decisions from a previous meeting, and Mr. MacGregor seconded the motion. With Dr. Nagy, Dr. Pfeffer and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the Board adopted all of the decisions on the legal consent list by a unanimous vote. However, since there was a matter on the consent list in which a member of the Board was recusing herself, a motion was made to vacate the prior vote, which was duly seconded. By a unanimous vote, the Board voted to vacate its prior vote adopting all of the matters on the consent list. Mr. Gay then made a motion that the Board adopt the following matters that were on the legal consent list, and Mr. MacGregor seconded the motion. With Dr. Nagy, Dr. Pfeffer and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Richard Deckert
Michelle Little
Curtis Robinson
Julianna Schultz

Hearings

George Clarke
James Dougherty
Raymond Gilmore
John Guarni
Douglas Hanania
Joseph Lemme
Daniel Peterson
Carl Pietrangelo

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the following matters that were on the legal consent list, and Mr. MacGregor seconded the motion. With Dr. Nagy, Dr. Pfeffer and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Deny Application for Certification After Revocation

Nicholas Arminio

Block Application for Certification

Erik Scott

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the order to show cause in the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate of Anthony Yurchak* that was on the legal consent list, and Mr. MacGregor seconded the motion. The order was adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. Nagy, Dr. Pfeffer and Mr. Tirri abstaining and Dr. McGeehan recusing herself.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Deputy Attorney General Michael Walters introduced DAG Cynthia Rimol, who will be assuming the responsibility for providing legal advice to the Board.

Dr. McNally reported that former Board member Ida Bilbow had passed away, and she asked staff to provide the Board with the mailing address for Ms. Bilbow's family.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan moved to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Monday, June 22, 2009, in the first floor conference room, 100 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Jeffrey H. Lieberman

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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