

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
October 22, 2009**

**Present:** Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary  
Ms. Cynthia Rimol, Deputy Attorney General  
Ms. JoAnn Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee  
Dr. Christopher Nagy, Chair, Legal Committee  
Mr. Terrence Crowley  
Dr. Dawood Farahi  
Mr. Thomas MacGregor  
Dr. Patricia McGeehan  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Dr. Adam Pfeffer  
Mr. Peter Tirri

**Absent:** Assistant Commissioner, Chair  
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.

Deputy Attorney General Cynthia Rimol administered the oath of office to a new member of the Board, Dr. Dawood Farahi.

Dr. Nagy moved to adopt the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Crowley and Mr. MacGregor 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:

Jennifer Austin	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three
Linda Arrington Bowles	School Psychologist
Adrienne Capone	Emergency Speech Language Specialist
Roger Dehnel	Teacher of Physical Sciences
Virgil DeMario	School Business Administrator, Principal
Maria Estacio-Faustino	School Psychologist
Jim H. Lee	Teacher of Chinese Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
Johnna Moscony	Teacher of Students with Disabilities
Nabeehah Muhammed	Teacher of the Handicapped
Elaine Reinman	Teacher of Elementary School
Patricia Sabella Stander	Supervisor
William Wall	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics

Kathleen Dool, who is seeking a Teacher of the Handicapped certificate, Beverly Margolies, who is seeking a Teacher of Computer Science Technology Certificate of Eligibility, Mary Messick, who is seeking a Teacher of English as a Second Language, and Zoraida Velez, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, 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 September 17, 2009 meeting. With Mr. Crowley and Mr. MacGregor abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Nancy Billek	Emergency Educational Interpreter – The Board denied her application for certification.
Iris Polan-Pierri	Teacher of Chemistry – The Board denied her application

for certification.

Amanda Powers

Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.

Charles Shepherd

Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied his application for certification.

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Aimee Paez

Teacher of Elementary School (K-5) – The Board denied her application for certification.

Peter Pantano

Teacher of Mathematics – The Board granted 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:

Christopher Gentile – 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.

Curtis Robinson – Mr. Robinson and his attorney, Mary J. Hammer, Esq., appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. The Board deferred determination until a future meeting. Mr. Tirri recused himself.

Anthony W. Yurchak – Mr. Yurchak appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. The Board deferred determination until a future meeting. Dr. McGeehan recused herself.

John Blanton – The Board granted the request by Mr. Blanton's attorney, Robyne D. LaGrotta, Esq., to address the Board. Thereafter, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to grant Mr. Blanton's request to amend the revocation order dated June 18, 1998 so as to accurately reflect his amended judgment of conviction.

Kathleen Bowler – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

James W. Coleman – 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.

Richard A. Deckert – 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.

Taufeeq Mitchell – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his substitute credential based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Nicholas Provanzana – 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.

Robert B. Rosenberg – 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.

Sharon Troutman – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Hassan Vann – 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.

Dean Howarth – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to revoke his certificates.

V.R. – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to adopt with modification the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that no action was warranted against her certificates. The Board modified the ALJ's recommendation so as not to require that V.R. undergo a mental and physical examination before returning to the classroom.

Robert Aloia – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to dismiss the petition filed against him and to take no action against his certificates.

Warren H. Brown – 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.

Yorgo Papadakis – 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.

Judith Pitcher – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Dr. Pfeffer recusing himself, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

John Stenz – 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.

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

William J. Thomas – 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.

Donna Tolley – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Aretus M. Cosby – 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 his substitute credential.

Frank Mattiace – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause it had issued and to issue a new order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

John B. Camo – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

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

Katrina J. Harris – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

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

Mandi T. Rood – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Emma J. Scott – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Erik R. Scott – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification based on the level and nature of the conduct and offenses.

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

Julie DeFeo – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Robert J. Newman – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Paul O. Stanziale – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend his certificates for two years, effective immediately.

Dr. Nagy made a motion that the Board adopt the following 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 Mr. Crowley abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Tracy Booth  
Jannette Duran  
Robert Godfrey  
Lawrence Lubiner  
Nelson Trias

Hearings

William Callahan  
Elizabeth Peters

Other

Valerie Ivkovich

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Order to Show Cause

Eric Johansen

Dr. Nagy made a motion that the Board adopt the following matter that was on the legal consent list memorializing the Board’s legal decisions from a previous meeting, and Mr. MacGregor seconded the motion. With Mr. Crowley abstaining and Ms. Gales recusing herself, the Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous vote.

## Hearing

Gregory Monsolino

### **Old Business**

Dr. Higgins reported that the licensing office has now completed its move to 200 River View Plaza. He also reported that the Department has proposed an amendment to the licensing code that would increase the number of renewals for emergency speech language specialist certificates from four to six as the result of a shortage of speech language specialists.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Secretary's Report**

There was no secretary's report.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, in the first floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Jeffrey H. Lieberman

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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