

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
December 2, 2009**

Present: Dr. Willa Spicer, Deputy Commissioner
Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Cynthia Rimol, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. JoAnn Gales, Chair, Credentials Review Committee
Mr. Terrence Crowley
Mr. Derek Jess
Mr. Thomas MacGregor
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Dr. Dawood Farahi
Dr. Carlos Hernández
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Christopher Nagy, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Peter Tirri

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

Mr. MacGregor moved to adopt the minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Jess and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review

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

Taheedah Baker Jones Supervisor, Principal

Susan Bresnan	School Library Media Specialist
Jennifer Crea	Teacher of Italian Certificate of Eligibility
James Maher	Teacher of Music Certificate, Teacher of Elementary School Certificate
Kristi Monaghan	School Library Media Specialist
Donald Osbourne	Teacher of the Handicapped
Amador Rodriguez	Associate School Library Media Specialist Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing

Carmela Appierto Hunter, who is seeking a Principal certificate, and Marisa DeSantis, who is seeking a Teacher of Art 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. Pfeffer seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at a previous meeting. With Mr. Jess and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Jennifer Austin	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three – The Board denied her application for certification.
Linda Arrington Bowles	School Psychologist – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for fulfillment of the externship requirement.
Adrienne Capone	Emergency Speech Language Specialist – The Board granted her application for renewal of her emergency certificate but added that she would not be eligible for issuance of an emergency certificate beyond May 2011.
Roger Dehnel	Teacher of Physical Science – The Board denied his application for certification.
Virgil DeMario	School Administrator, Principal – The Board denied his applications for certification.
Maria Estacio-Faustino	School Psychologist – The Board denied her application for certification based on alternative experience but indicated that her application would be granted upon successful

completion of the appropriate coursework.

Jim H. Lee	Teacher of Chinese Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board granted his application seeking fulfillment of the subject matter requirements, i.e., 30 credits in a coherent sequence. However, he must complete the Oral Proficiency Interview in Chinese for issuance of the requested certification.
Johnna Moscony	Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board granted her application for certification.
Nabeehah Muhammed	Teacher of the Handicapped – The Board denied her application for certification.
Debelvia Peterson	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant – The Board, upon reconsideration, granted her application for certification.
Elaine Reinman	Teacher of Elementary School – The Board denied her application for certification.
Patricia Sabella Stander	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
William Wall	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics – The Board denied his application for certification.

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Kathleen Dool	Teacher of the Handicapped – The Board denied her application for certification.
Beverly Margolies	Teacher of Computer Science Technology Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Mary Messick	Teacher of English as a Second Language – The Board granted her application for certification.
Zoraide Velez	School Counselor – The Board denied 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:

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

Anthony W. Yurchak – By a vote of 8 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.

Christopher M. Strazza – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Adam Aquilina – By a vote of 8 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.

Susan M. Finnigan – By a vote of 8 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 and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Lorraine R. Garvilla – By a vote of 8 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 and crime.

Jose Gonzales – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Annette Guagliardo – By a vote of 8 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.

Eric L. Johansen, Jr. – By a vote of 8 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.

Sean C. McGuirk – By a vote of 8 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.

Tom A. Oye – By a vote of 8 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.

Emma Painter – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Naideileen Ramos – By a vote of 8 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.

Luciana C. Recchione – By a vote of 8 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.

Ivan J. Ruiz – By a vote of 8 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.

Brian L. Taylor – By a vote of 8 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.

Robert P. Walsh – By a vote of 8 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.

John Hilkevich – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to him 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.

Emanuel Aaron – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification based on the level and nature of the conduct and crimes.

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

Douglas B. Dixon – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Jason B. Franklin – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification based on dishonest misrepresentation on his application and the level and nature of the conduct and crimes.

Lawrence S. Lubiner – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. Pfeffer abstaining, the Board voted to deny his request to amend the minutes of a previous meeting.

Patricia Johnson – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to strike a portion of the Answer submitted in response to the order to show cause issued by the Board.

Walter J. Brandt– By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Daniel P. Corvino– By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

David Vanden Heuvel – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. Pfeffer abstaining, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

William Johnson – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend his certificates for two years commencing on July 1, 2010.

Joseph Mazzarella – A motion was made to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in this matter, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:35 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 11:42 a.m. By a vote of 7 to 1, with Mr. MacGregor opposing, the Board voted that it was compelled to reinstate his Teacher of Spanish and Teacher of Italian certificates as the result of the decision on appeal by the Superior Court, Appellate Division.

Dr. Spicer left the meeting at this time and was replaced by Assistant Commissioner Barbara Gantwerk.

Mr. MacGregor 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 Dr. Pfeffer seconded the motion. With Ms. Gantwerk abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Warren Brown
Frank Mattiace
Yorgo Papdakis
John Stenz
John Teopengco
William Thomas
Donna Tolley

Hearings

Kathleen Bowler
James Coleman
Richard Deckert
Christopher Gentile
Nicholas Provanzana
Robert Rosenberg
Sharon Troutman
Hassan Vann

Other

Dean Howarth

John Camo
V.R.
Erik Scott

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that a proposed amendment to the licensing code that would increase the number of renewals for emergency speech language specialist certificates from four to six is currently at discussion level before the State Board of Education. Dr. Higgins also reported that the relocation of the licensing office to 200 River View Plaza has gone well and that staff are still being transferred to assist with customer service.

Adjournment

Dr. Pfeffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Mr. MacGregor and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2010, 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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