

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
March 31, 2011**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Melissa Dutton, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. JoAnn Gales, Chair, Credentials Review Committee
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Christopher Nagy, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Mr. Derek Jess

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.

Ms. Hennessy moved to adopt the minutes of the January 20, 2011 meeting, and Dr. Nagy seconded the motion. With Ms. Hennessy 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:

Felicia Alexander	Teacher of Social Studies
Michael Benson	School Counselor

Gregory Cea	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Carpentry. Dr. McGeehan recused herself.
Jennifer Diszler	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics
Deborah Gichan	Teacher of Art
Meghan Lordon	Teacher of English as a Second Language
Francis Nkam	Principal certificate of eligibility
Nancy Nunes	Teacher of Elementary School (K-5)
Adam Rendell	Supervisor
Carmen Sanchez	Teacher of Bilingual/Bicultural Education

Deborah Brisk, who is seeking a Teacher of Students with Disabilities and a Teacher of Elementary School certificate of eligibility with advanced standing; Kristen Cooper, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate; Cecelia Crespo, who is seeking a Principal certificate of eligibility; Rosa Gonzalez, who is seeking a renewal of a provisional Teacher of Bilingual/Bicultural Education certificate; Bradley Kasper, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate; and Jessica Lundgren, 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 January 20, 2011 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Raffael Craig	Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied his application for certification.
Karen Goldberg	Teacher of Art Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification but granted partial credit at the advanced level.
Christine McQuilken	Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied her application for certification.

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following cases were not present at the January 20, 2011 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Louisa Muniz	Reading Specialist – The Board granted her application for certification.
Laszlo Pokorny	Teacher of Business/Finance/Economics – The Board denied his application for certification.
Bruce Tinor	Teacher of Elementary School (K-5) – The Board denied 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:

Sameria R. O’Neil – Ms. O’Neil appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. Following Ms. O’Neil’s presentation, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

R.A. – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Stanley Williams – Mr. Williams appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. Following Mr. Williams’ presentation, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Julius Young – As requested by the Board, Mr. Young appeared before the Board to respond to questions. Thereafter, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Dr. Nagy made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. McGeehan and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:05 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:32 p.m.

Nicholas Brown – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which he agreed to a five-year suspension of his School Administrator certificate of eligibility and standard School Administrator certificate and a two-year suspension of his Principal certificate of eligibility and standard Principal certificate. His remaining certificates will remain valid.

Erik R. Scott – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement agreement in this matter, which is currently on appeal to the Commissioner.

Mary Ellen Bechard – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Daniel Flynn – By a vote of 7 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.

Jeffrey B. Harrington – By a vote of 7 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.

Erin M. Markakis – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Abel Oderanti – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his substitute credential based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Laurie Cancalosi – By a vote of 7 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.

Maureen Flaherty – By a vote of 7 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.

Cheryl Swider – By a vote of 7 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.

Gerald F. Caputo – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan recusing herself, the Board voted to dismiss the petition filed in this matter and to take no action against his certificates.

Lesley Dorsett – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Jayne S. Howard – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to dismiss the petition filed in this matter and to take no action against her certificates.

Kenyatta O’Bryant – By a vote of 7 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.

Gary Villapiano – By a vote of 7 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.

Sharonda L. Wilson – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Ms. Gales recusing herself, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Kathleen Dorsett – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued and to issue a new order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Steve Gallon, III – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been 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 his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Jeffrey Martens – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to dismiss the petition filed in this matter and to take no action against his certificates. However, the Board noted that the allegations contained in the petition may warrant action by the district, and it directed that a letter be sent to the district expressing the Board's concerns.

D.H. – By a vote of 6 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her.

Robert Magliulo – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the block on his application.

Peter Riquelme – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Casimiro V. Cibelli – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

George Gastrinakis – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Samantha R. Santangelo – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Alex J. Toth – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Timothy S. Vandergast – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Jessica Vassallo – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Thomas W. Garrett, Jr. – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Dr. Nagy made a motion that the Board adopt the following matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board’s decisions from a previous meeting, and Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

William Beltran
John Cohrs
Emmanuel Loiseau
Leonard Matarese
Jason Rodriguez
Sandra Santora
Cheryln Sayles
Michael Seiler
Cheryl Sloan

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Revocations

Richard A. Koppenaar, Jr.
Karen Ledden
Edgar Padilla
Jeffrey Powell

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Motion to Expunge Minutes

Kathleen Kavazanjian

Dr. Nagy made a motion that the Board adopt the following matter that was on the legal consent list memorializing the Board’s decision from a previous meeting, and Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion. With Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board adopted the following order by a unanimous vote.

Order to Show Cause

Michael Dougherty

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The Board discussed three reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance regarding the Newark, Freehold and Elizabeth School Districts, and it directed staff to schedule the staff members named in the reports for review at a future meeting in order to determine whether to initiate proceedings against their certificates.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Nagy and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, 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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