

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
July 28, 2011**

**Present:** Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary  
Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Deputy Attorney General  
Ms. JoAnn Gales, Chair, Credentials Review Committee  
Ms. Kristin Hennessy  
Mr. Derek Jess  
Dr. Patricia McGeehan, Chair, Legal Committee  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

**Absent:** Assistant Commissioner, Chair  
Mr. Peter Tirri

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

Ms. Gales moved to adopt the minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Jess 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:

Lee Cooper	School Nurse – Noninstructional
Dorothy Grossman	Teacher of Students with Disabilities Dr. McGeehan recused herself.
Jennifer Harlan	Renewal of Emergency Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant Certificate
Randie O’Neil	School Counselor

Angela Pelosi                                      Teacher of Business – Accounting Certificate of Eligibility

Jason Polaha                                      Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility

Jeffrey Dalrymple, who is seeking a renewal of his Provisional Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certificate, Gina Marie Forester, who is seeking a Principal Certificate of Eligibility, and Joretta Strayhorn, who is seeking a Substance Awareness Coordinator certificate, were not present at the meeting.

### **Credentials Review Consent List**

Ms. Tunstall 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. With Mr. Jess abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Teresa DiMartino                              Teacher of French – The Board granted her application for certification.

Karin Huckel                                      School Counselor – The Board granted her application for certification.

Karen LeVasseur                              School Counselor – The Board granted her application for certification.

Bradley Kasper                                      School Counselor – The Board denied his application for certification but granted him credit for a six graduate credit supervised practicum, six graduate credits in counseling and three graduate credits in community agencies, organizations and resources.

### **Legal Committee Report**

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

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

Alicia M. Pickul – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan abstaining, the Board voted to table this matter for further review.

Alan Chadrijian – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which he relinquished his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Morris Gartenberg – Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:45 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:02 p.m. By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which he relinquished his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Dr. McNally made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the Alicia M. Pickul matter, which was duly seconded by Ms. Gales and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:03 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:13 p.m. By a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan abstaining, the Board voted to take this matter from the table. By a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan abstaining, 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.

Sheryl Gleim – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement agreement and consent order in this matter and to suspend her certificate for one year.

Michael J. Seiler – By a vote of 6 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.

Annette Guagliardo – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Naideileen Ramos – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge and to vacate the order to show cause issued to her and to take no action against her certificates.

Jeffrey Berke – By a vote of 6 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 the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Gustavo R. Bordenabe – By a vote of 6 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.

Robert Cholowinski – By a vote of 6 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.

Bienvenido Cueto – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. McNally recusing herself, 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.

Maximiliano Cuevas – By a vote of 6 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, dishonest representations on his applications and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Christopher Daggett – By a vote of 6 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.

Ana Dionisio – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter for further review.

Marzet Farris – By a vote of 6 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.

Charles Johnson, Jr. – By a vote of 6 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.

Raymond Leneweaver – By a vote of 6 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 the surrender of his certificates in lieu of discipline in another state.

John E. Morrison – By a vote of 6 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 the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Benjamin Norton – By a vote of 6 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.

Frederick Nowotarski, Jr. – By a vote of 6 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 the revocation and surrender of his certificates in other states.

Michael K. Reiner – By a vote of 6 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 the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Philip H. Roth – By a vote of 6 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 the revocation of his certificates in another state.

William (Guillermo) Santamaria – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Mr. Jess recusing himself, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate should not be suspended pending resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Andrea Selvaggi – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter for further review.

Scott Silverman – By a vote of 6 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 the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Paula Smith – Ms. Gales made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:31 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:37 p.m. By a vote of 6 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. In addition, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to seal the video included in the record of this matter.

F. Gloria Snauffer – By a vote of 6 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 the revocation of her certificates in another state.

Christopher A. Tippie – By a vote of 6 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.

Steven L. Todzia – By a vote of 6 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 the surrender of his certificates in lieu of discipline in another state.

G. Stephen Zeltman – By a vote of 6 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 the revocation of his certificates in other states.

Russell S. Tybus – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Monique Ucelli – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Jasmine A. Bundy – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Barbara Cid – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Steven K. Hylton – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Donovan Jonah – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

John B. Camo – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the block on his application for certification since his record had been expunged.

Julius Young – By a vote of 4 to 1, with Ms. Tunstall opposing and Mr. Jess abstaining, the Board voted to deny his application for certification after revocation.

Dr. McGeehan 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 Ms. Gales seconded the motion. With Mr. Jess abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Steven Arpaia  
Steven Batoff  
Kimberly DeMatteo  
Martin Gendel  
Marsha Gordon  
William Gross  
Michele Johnson  
Curtis Key  
Michael Maurer  
Troy Allen Rushing  
Robert Schanne  
Samuel Skipper  
Robin Winkis  
Amanda Wright-Stafford  
Ronald Zaleski

Revocations

R.A.  
Lawrence Butler, Jr.  
Megan Laboy  
Stephen Legler  
Brian Taylor  
Jill Zell

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Gales seconded the motion. With Dr. McNally recusing herself, the Board adopted the following order by a unanimous vote.

Order to Show Cause

Michael Steele

**Old Business**

Mr. Jess reported that, at the Board's request, he had reviewed a report issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance titled "Berkeley Heights School District, Charitable Donations by the Board of Education." Mr. Jess advised the Board that, on the basis of his review, he did not believe any further action by the Board was warranted.

**New Business**

Dr. Higgins reported that the members of the Board had received copies of a report issued by the State Auditor regarding the Trenton School District and a report from the Jersey City Public Schools regarding inappropriate grade changes. After discussion, the Board requested that the individuals identified in those reports be scheduled for review at a future meeting. In addition, the Board advised that applicants for school nurse certification who report DUI convictions on their applications should be scheduled for review. In response to an inquiry from Dr. Higgins, the Board advised that it would like certificate-holders identified in reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance for alleged involvement in security breaches of state tests to be scheduled for review at the September meeting.

**Secretary's Report**

Dr. Higgins reported that code amendments to create an alternate route for superintendents had been adopted by the State Board at its July meeting.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Gales made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, September 15, 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