

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting (Amended April 12, 2013)
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
October 28, 2010**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Shannon Ryan, Deputy Attorney General
Mr. Terrence Crowley
Ms. JoAnn Gales, Chair, Credentials Review Committee
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Christopher Nagy, Chair, Legal Committee
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Dr. R. Barbara Gitenstein
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.

Dr. Nagy moved to adopt the minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting, and Mr. Jess seconded the motion. With Mr. Crowley 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:

Dennis Fare	Substance Awareness Coordinator
Annette Frohlich	Standard Teacher of Comprehensive Business
Elizabeth Gordon	School Counselor

Julie LaBrutto	School Counselor
Fred Mandelbaum	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility
Freddy Nunez	Standard Teacher of Bilingual Bicultural Education
Nilda Pyronneau	School Counselor
Lucille Saltos	Standard Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three
Dr. Lucille Verina	Supervisor

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 Mr. Jess seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the September 16, 2010 meeting. With Mr. Crowley abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Gina Ball	Teacher of Italian Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her application for certification.
Gregory Greene	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board granted his application for certification.
Kelly Howlett	School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her partial credit.
Pierre Oscar	School Counselor – The Board denied his application for certification but granted him partial credit.

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Janet Garay	Supervisor – The Board granted her application for certification.
Tiffany Jang	School Library Media Specialist – The Board denied her application for certification.

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Mr. Jess seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was not present at the July 22, 2010 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy abstaining, the Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Dana Piombino Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board granted 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:

Sandra J. Nelson – Ms. Nelson appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. The Board took this matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Marylú Vurro – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to grant her request to address the Board with regard to her application for certification after revocation and to submit additional documents. After Ms. Vurro addressed the Board, the Board took this matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

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

Michael S. Drebes – 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.

Rose M. Giovinazzi – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Angela Stellwag – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Steven M. Arpaia – 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 and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.*

* Arpaia's record was expunged by an Order of Expungement issued on December 13, 2012.

Juan C. Borja – 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.

Alan Chadrijan – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to seal a portion of the record in this matter. 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.

Emanuel Henderson – 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.

Wendell Lee – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall abstaining, 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 his failure to comply with the terms of a decision by the Commissioner of Education approving the settlement of tenure charges.

Stephen A. Legler – 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 and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Alicia M. Pickul – 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 and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Troy Allen Rushing – 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 and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Darryl M. Semple – 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.

Sandrea Steinmetz – 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.

Darrelle Tobe – 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.

Laurie Wessely-Baldwin – 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.

Winston Wright – By a vote of 6 to 2, with Ms. Gales and Mr. Jess opposing, the Board voted to take no action against his substitute credential.

Gemar Mills – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Mr. Crowley abstaining, the Board voted to take no action against his certificates.

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

Thomas W. Garrett, Jr. – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

Deslyn J. Phillip – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Stacey K. Powe – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification based on the level and nature of the conduct and crimes.

Daniel L. Harvey, Sr. – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Mr. Crowley recusing himself, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Gerald Juzdan – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

James D. Kearney, Jr. – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

David A. Singer – By a vote of 8 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. 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 Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion. With Mr. Crowley abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Daniel Belton
Kathleen Dorsett
Daniel Flynn
Diane Hahn
Jeffrey Harrington
Kevin Kriesel
Erin Markakis
Abel Oderanti
Sameria O’Neil
Thomas Papa
Matthew Russell

Revocations/Suspensions

Allison Galiano
Leonard Gnade
James Jetter
James Kazanjian
James Squicciarini
Joseph Zinkiewicz

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

Jose Gonzales

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Dr. Nagy made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Judith Pitcher*, and Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:45 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 11:55 a.m.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that plans are moving forward to distribute the meeting agenda and case packets to the Board on CD's. The Board discussed several technical issues that need to be resolved and agreed that the agenda for the December 9, 2010 meeting should be distributed in both hard copy and CD format in order to work out any issues.

Adjournment

Dr. Nagy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Mr. Jess and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, December 9, 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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