

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting (Amended April 12, 2013)
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
January 19, 2012**

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: Mr. Peter Tirri

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

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the December 16, 2011 meeting, which was duly seconded. With Mr. Jess and Dr. McGeehan 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:

Heather Leech	Emergency Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
James Lewis	Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certificate of Eligibility

Rhiannon Morgan Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Visual Arts
Certificate of Eligibility

Diane Price Substitute Teacher

Jacqueline Sutcliffe Emergency Speech Language Specialist

Matthew Hemighaus, who is seeking a Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics certificate, was 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 December 16, 2011 meeting. With Mr. Jess and Dr. McGeehan abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Susan Bloom Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter
Specialization in Science – The Board granted her application
for certification.

Colin Church Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Automotive
Technology Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied
his application for certification.

Gregory Elias School Counselor – The Board denied his application for
certification.

James McBee Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his
application for certification.

Linda Matousch Rau Teacher of Agriculture Certificate of Eligibility – The
Board denied her application for certification.

Nicole Sicinski School Counselor – The Board denied her request to
substitute education and experience for the six semester-
hour credits practicum in a school setting required for
certification.

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Larry Blake Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his
application for certification.

William Hartz	Teacher of Technology Education Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Robyn Clarke Ngwabi	School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for three graduate semester-hours in Community Agencies.

Legal Committee Report

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

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

Troy Allen Rushing – Mr. Rushing appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. Following the hearing, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Steven M. Arpaia – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate pending his successful completion of a Pretrial Intervention program.*

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

Steven B. Batoff – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Martin A. Gendel – By a vote of 6 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.

William D. Gross – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Michele M. Johnson – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her substitute credential based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Curtis H. Key – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Joseph Quartaro – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Samuel C. Skipper – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Michael Steele – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. McNally recusing herself, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from public employment.

Robin L. Winkis – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the revocation of her certificates in another state.

Ronald A. Zaleski – 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 the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Gary F. Basile – 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.

Jose A. Cardenas – 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.

Anthony Coluccio, 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.

Kathryn Schmicking Guerra – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan recusing herself, 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 her disqualification from public employment.

Francisco Planas-Borgstrom – 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.

Ms. Gales made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the Maria Azzaro, Melvin Cummings, Priscilla Dawson and James Lytle matters, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Tunstall recused herself and did not participate. The Board returned to the public session at 12:48 p.m.

Maria Azzaro – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement in this matter.

Melvin Cummings – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement in this matter.

Priscilla Dawson – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement in this matter.

James Lytle – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement in this matter.

Emmanuel Loiseau – 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.

William A. Einhorn – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Maximiliano A. Cuevas – 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.

Michael K. Reiner – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Trischele Petach – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to deny her request for reconsideration.

Rebecca C. Jones – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Darian H. McKinney – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Judith Pitcher – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the Administrative Law Judge but to modify the recommended penalty and revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Zuzana Bracok – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block her applications for certification and 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.

Frederick Costales – By a vote of 6 to 0, 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 Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

John Capparelli
Lauren Cardinali
Adam Domaradsky
Marci Koltenuk
Jill Kubicki
Belle Silverlieb
Jennifer Visco

Revocations/Suspensions

Mukundcha Bhatt
Kathleen Dorsett
William Mayes
Kenyatta O'Bryant
Kevin Ricardo

Other

Erik Mueller
Richard Voza

Carl Ruggero was withdrawn from the legal consent list.

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Michael Dougherty
Jayne Howard
Rodney Lofton

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ms. Gales made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice on two proposed settlement agreements, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:55 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 1:33 p.m.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Gales and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012, 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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