

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
April 2, 2012**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Deputy Attorney General
Mr. David Corso, Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Ms. JoAnn Gales
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Dr. Patricia McGeehan

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

Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Campbell administered the oath of office to a new member of the Board, Dr. Timothy Purnell. Mr. Corso welcomed Dr. Purnell to the Board.

Mr. Tirri moved to adopt the minutes of the March 1, 2012 meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. Purnell and Mr. Tirri 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:

Krista Daniskas	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics
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Tasia Finley	Teacher of Elementary School/Teacher of Students with Disabilities
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Donna Fuscaldo Supervisor

David Scott Ridley School Administrator certificate of eligibility

Donaly Bass, who is seeking a Teacher of Comprehensive Business certificate of eligibility, Christine Doles, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, Marina Majbour, who is seeking a Teacher of English certificate of eligibility, and Frances Snelling Teabout, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, were not present at the meeting.

Credentials Review Consent List

Dr. McNally 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 March 1, 2012 meeting. With Dr. Purnell and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Claire Hamm Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.

Hosam Mansour Teacher of Chemistry certificate of eligibility with advanced standing – The Board denied his application for certification.

Edward Smith Supervisor – The Board denied his application for certification.

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Jonna Calvanico Director of School Counseling – The Board denied her application for certification.

Megan Hubbard Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.

Diane Price Substitute Credential – 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:

Wesley Gilmer – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter until the next meeting.

Peter G. Weindorfer – Mr. Weindorfer 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.

Amanda Wright-Stafford – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. Purnell abstaining, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Kimberly DeMatteo – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from public employment.

Charles Johnson, Jr. – 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.

Mr. Tirri made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the Bienvenido Cueto and Brian Gross matters, which was duly seconded by Mr. Jess and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:28 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 11:37 a.m.

Bienvenido Cueto – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement in this matter and to suspend his certificates for two years.

Brian Gross – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement in this matter.

Mona Connelly – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

David Eidel – 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 suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Mary Lou Forsell – 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 suspended for two years based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Andrea Giuffrida – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Mr. Corso abstaining, 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.

Michael B. Janes – 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.

Derick Jerinsky – 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.

Diana E. Martinez – 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 crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Gianfranco Maucione – 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.

Joseph C. Ponsi – 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.

Tamara Reyes – 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 suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Traci Shikhman – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Lia Trembath – 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.

Gail P. Wunsch – 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.

Lourdes Leon – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her. By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue a new order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Arthur J. Tomlin – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

Talia M. Peverada – 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.

Christopher Daggett – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to retransmit this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing.

Mary Sirangelo – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to deny her request to redact the records of action previously taken by the Board. However, the Board agreed to amend the minutes of previous meetings.

Marci Koltenuk – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant her request to stay the proceedings in this matter.

Belle Silverlieb – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant her request to stay the proceedings in this matter.

Jennifer Visco – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant her request to stay the proceedings in this matter.

Mr. Tirri 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. With Dr. Purnell abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Amy Brewer
Mamady Camara
Donna Covely
Lorye Craver
William Davis
Patricia Gallegos
Derek Hildreth
John Iurato
David Kelly
Francisco Lindo
Justin Mannick
Stephen Omert
Amalbi Perez
Jeffrey Ranck
Kelly Richter-Jobes
Randi True
Lara Wilson

Revocations/Suspensions

Gustavo Bordenabe
Robert Cholowinski
Michael Maurer
Troy Allen Rushing
Christopher Tippie

Other

Judith Pitcher

Mr. Corso made a motion that the Board adopt the following matter that was on the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal order from a previous meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Tirri recusing himself and Dr. Purnell abstaining, the Board adopted the following order by a unanimous vote.

Order to Show Cause

Valerie Purciello

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that the Department is expecting to present amendments to the licensing code to the State Board of Education for consideration in May.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, May 17, 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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