

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
September 22, 2011**

**Present:** Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary  
Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Deputy Attorney General  
Mr. David Corso, Assistant Commissioner, Chair  
Ms. JoAnn Gales, Chair, Credentials Review Committee  
Mr. Derek Jess  
Dr. Patricia McGeehan, Chair, Legal Committee  
Mr. Peter Tirri

**Absent:** Ms. Kristin Hennessy  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

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.

Ms. Gales moved to adopt the minutes of the July 28, 2011 meeting, and Mr. Jess seconded the motion. With Mr. Tirri abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote. Mr. Tirri moved to adopt the minutes of the August 25, 2011 special meeting, and Ms. Gales 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:

Mary Cunningham	School Counselor
Maria Buono Higgins	Teacher of Italian (2 <sup>nd</sup> review)
Nancy Mason	Standard Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three

Beatrice Greenberg, who is seeking a Supervisor certificate, Theresa Hippelwith, who is seeking a Teacher of Mathematics certificate, Cynthia Larcheveque, who is seeking a Teacher of Mathematics certificate, and Jane Srygley, who is seeking a Teacher of Mathematics certificate, 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 Mr. Jess seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the July 28, 2011 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Lee Cooper	School Nurse - Noninstructional – The Board granted her application for certification.
Randie O’Neil	School Counselor – The Board denied her application for Certification but granted credit for all areas of deficiency except for three semester-hour credits in Career Counseling.
Angela Pelosi	Teacher of Business - Accounting Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Jason Polaha	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.

Jennifer Harlan was removed from the 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 not present at the July 28, 2011 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Jeffrey Dalrymple	Provisional Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certificate – The Board granted his application for renewal of his certificate for a one-year period.
Gina Marie Forester	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification but recognized completion of the requisite master’s degree.
Joretta Strayhorn	Substance Awareness Coordinator – The Board denied her application for certification.

Dorothy Grossman was withdrawn from the consent list due to the lack of a quorum since Dr. McGeehan recused herself.

## **Legal Committee Report**

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

John W. Cohrs – Mr. Cohrs and his counsel, Edward H. Lee, Esq., 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.

Laurie Wessely-Baldwin – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement agreement and consent order in this matter and to suspend her certificates for two years.

Leonard Matarese – By a vote of 4 to 0, with Mr. Tirri abstaining, 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.

Daniel D. Belton – By a vote of 5 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.

Michael Dougherty – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Jason J. Rodriguez – By a vote of 5 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.

Sharonda L. Wilson – Ms. Gales recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Brian K. Ammon – By a vote of 5 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 suspension of his certificates in another state.

Suzanne Bambo – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Lonnie K. Booher – By a vote of 5 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.

James Dickinson, Jr. – By a vote of 5 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.

Nelson Evans, Jr. – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate should not be suspended for one year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Ann F. Garcia – By a vote of 5 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.

Jayne S. Howard – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her School Business Administrator certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

June Kelley – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate should not be suspended for three months based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Nailah C. Keno – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her substitute credential should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Mark Kisselbach – By a vote of 5 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.

Judah Landa – By a vote of 5 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 revocation of his certificates in another state.

Rodney S. Lofton – By a vote of 5 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.

Maria Parise – By a vote of 5 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.

Donald Salaam – By a vote of 5 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.

Jonathan Titmas – By a vote of 5 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.

Ana Dionisio – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Andrea Selvaggi – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Thomas R. Ivan – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Craig A. Rokosz – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Darryl M. Semple – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Cameron D. Gaskins – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Beth J. Howell – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Nicole M. Ott-Pierone – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Jessica S. Roy – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Trischelle Petach – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to table her request for reconsideration in order to obtain additional information.

Donald E. Barnes – By a vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Tirri opposing, the Board voted to adopt the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct. Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Campbell did not participate in this matter.

Peter Kliman – By a vote of 5 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 in this matter and take no action against his certificates.

Barbara Lentine – Mr. Tirri made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Mr. Jess and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:56 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:03 p.m. By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to grant the request for interlocutory relief and vacate the order issued by the Administrative Law Judge.

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 Mr. Tirri seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

#### Orders to Show Cause

Jeffrey Berke  
Gustavo Bordenabe  
Robert Cholowinski  
Bienvenido Cueto  
Maximiliano Cuevas  
Christopher Daggett  
Marzet Farris  
Charles Johnson, Jr.  
Raymond Leneweaver  
John Morrison  
Benjamin Norton  
Frederick Nowotarski, Jr.  
Michael Reiner  
Philip Roth  
Scott Silverman  
Paula Smith  
F. Gloria Snauffer  
Christopher Tippie  
Steven Todzia  
G. Stephen Zeltman

Revocations

Anette Guagliardo  
Alicia Pickul  
Michael Seiler

Other

Steven Hylton  
Donovan Jonah  
Naideileen Ramos  
Julius Young  
Barbara Lentine

William (Guillermo) Santamaria was withdrawn from the legal consent list due to the lack of a quorum since Mr. Jess recused himself.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Secretary's Report**

There was no secretary's report.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Tirri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McGeehan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 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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