

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
December 16, 2011**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. JoAnn Gales, Chair, Credentials Review Committee
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Patricia McGeehan, Chair, Legal Committee

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tirri, 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 November 1, 2011 meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Ms. Hennessy 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:

Colin Church	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Automotive Technology Certificate of Eligibility
Gregory Elias	School Counselor
James McBee	Principal Certificate of Eligibility
Linda Matousch Rau	Teacher of Agriculture Certificate of Eligibility

Nicole Sicinski

School Counselor

Larry Blake, who is seeking a Principal Certificate of Eligibility, William Hartz, who is seeking a Teacher of Technology Education Certificate of Eligibility (2nd review), and Robyn Clarke Ngwabi, who is seeking a School Counselor 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 Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the November 1, 2011 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

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| Raymond Coxe | School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Michael Jefferson | Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted his request to substitute his masters degree in Educational Leadership (Higher Education Administration) for the required master’s degree. He must still pass the appropriate state test and complete an internship before he can be issued the certificate. |

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| Suzanne Fico | School Counselor – The Board granted her application for certification. |
| William Hartz | Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification. |
| Lorraine Ommundsen | Teacher of Students with Disabilities – 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 Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was not present at the September 22, 2011 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy abstaining, the Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

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| Cynthia Larcheveque | Teacher of Mathematics – The Board denied her application for certification. |
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Legal Committee Report

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

Melvin Cummings – Ms. Tunstall recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Kevin Ricardo – 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.

Mukundcha Bhatt – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his substitute credential based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Kathleen Dorsett – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificates pending disposition of criminal charges.

William Mayes – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Kenyatta O’Bryant – 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.

Michael Steele – Dr. McNally recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

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

Richard Voza – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

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

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

John Capparelli – 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.

Lauren Cardinali – 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 revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Adam Domaradsky – By a vote of 5 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.

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

Marci Koltenuk – 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 for one year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Jill Kubicki – 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 revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

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

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

Christine O’Neill – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificate.

Carl Ruggero – 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.

Belle Silverlieb – 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 for one year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

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

Jennifer Visco – 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 for one year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Scott White – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to dismiss the petition filed in this matter and take no action against his certificates.

Stephen Yeager – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificates.

Fredric Cluggish – 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.

Trischele Petach – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter for further review.

John Anderson, Jr. – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Erik Mueller – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

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 Ms. Gales seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Craig Bell
Deborah Cantz
Brian Cummins
Wesley Gilmer
Lalelei Kelly
Angela Kemp
Kristi Pennypacker
Manuel Portalatin
Yakik Rumley
Peter Weindorfer
Joseph Winkelried
Gregory Young

Revocations/Suspensions

Lesley Dorsett
Robert Hawkins
John Socrates
Gary Villapiano

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Order to Show Cause

William (Guillermo) Santamaria

Michael Dougherty, Jayne Howard and Rodney Lofton were withdrawn from the legal consent list due to the lack of a quorum since Ms. Tunstall recused herself.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Dr. McNally made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the matter titled *In the Matter of the Certificates of Ivan Ruiz*, which was duly seconded by Ms. Gales and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:14 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:28 p.m.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

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 12:29 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, January 19, 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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