

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
May 17, 2012**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. JoAnn Gales
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Mr. Peter Tirri

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

Mr. Jess moved to adopt the minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Ms. Gales, Ms. Hennessy 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:

Michael Eckmeyer	Principal Certificate of Eligibility
Roncia Hutchinson	Supervisor; Principal
Rachel Kreisler	Teacher of Art Certificate of Eligibility
Emmanuelle Lorient-Appruzzese	Teacher of French (Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing or Standard)

Sandra Stanziola

School Counselor

Kevin Stetser

Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Dr. James Roselli, who is seeking a Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant certificate, and Carlos Velez, who is seeking a Teacher of Elementary School certificate of eligibility, 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 April 2, 2012 meeting. With Ms. Gales, Ms. Hennessy and Dr. McGeehan abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Krista Daniskas	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Mathematics – The Board granted her application for certification.
Tasia Finley	Teacher of Elementary School; Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied her application for a Teacher of Elementary School certificate. Since she was not eligible for the requisite instructional certificate, she could not be issued a Teacher of Students with Disabilities certificate.
Donna Fuscaldo	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
David Scott Ridley	School Administrator – The Board denied his application for certification.

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Donaly Bass	Teacher of Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.
Christine Doles	School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification.
Marina Majbour	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility – The

Board denied her application for certification.

Frances Snelling Teabout

School Counselor – 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 March 1, 2012 meeting. The Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Diane Price

Substitute Credential – The Board denied her application for certification. (Amended decision.)

Legal Committee Report

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

Kristi Pennypacker – Ms. Pennypacker appeared before the Board by telephone for a hearing on the sanction issue. Following the hearing, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Wesley Gilmer – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Peter G. Weindorfer – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate for six months based on dishonest misrepresentation on his application.

Lonnie K. Booher – By a vote of 7 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.

Lauren M. Cardinali – By a vote of 7 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.

James Dickinson, Jr. – By a vote of 7 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.

Marzet Farris – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Nailah C. Keno – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her substitute credential based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Albert J. Crosta – By a vote of 7 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 public employment.

Arthur N. Ernst – By a vote of 7 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.

Craig A. Forte – By a vote of 7 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.

Thomas Gant – By a vote of 7 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 dishonest misrepresentation on his application.

Anthony Guzman – By a vote of 7 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.

Donna Johnson – By a vote of 7 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.

Jerry D. Lamb – By a vote of 7 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, the revocation of his certificates in another state and dishonest misrepresentation on his application.

Kelly Anne Orbin – By a vote of 7 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.

Daniel A. Padilla – By a vote of 7 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.

Brian K. Ammon – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to amend the order to show cause that had been issued to him.

Valerie G. Purciello – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her.

Cathleen Van Vorst – By a vote of 7 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.

Joseph Winkelried – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to amend the order to show cause that had been issued to him.

Sheryl Gleim – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to adopt with modification the decision of the Administrative Law Judge. The Board voted to suspend her certificate for one year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Michael L. Burden – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Philip A. Vario – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Arthur J. Tomlin – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

Anthony G. DeFeo – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his substitute credential with the force and effect of a revocation.

John E. Morrison – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Mary Sirangelo – Ms. Sirangelo's request to address the Board was granted. Following Ms. Sirangelo's presentation, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Zachary Miers – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary suspension of his certificate pending his successful completion of a pretrial intervention program.

John M. Capparelli – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny his request to stay the proceedings before the Board.

Marsha Gordon – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which she relinquished her certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Benjamin Norton – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary suspension of his certificate pending final agency action in this matter.

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. With Ms. Gales, Ms. Hennessy and Dr. McGeehan abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

David Eidel
Mary Lou Forsell
Andrea Giuffrida
Michael Janes
Derick Jerinsky
Lourdes Leon
Diana Martinez
Gianfranco Maucione
Joseph Ponsi
Tamara Reyes
Lia Trembath
Gail Wunsch

Revocations

Kimberly DeMatteo
Charles Johnson, Jr.
Amanda Wright-Stafford

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Jess made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding a proposed settlement agreement, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:48 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:19 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that consideration of proposed amendments to the licensing code by the State Board of Education has been delayed.

Adjournment

Mr. Jess 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 12:20 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, June 21, 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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