

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
July 26, 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. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

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.

Dr. Purnell moved to adopt the minutes of the June 21, 2012 meeting, and Ms. Hennessy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as modified by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review

The following individuals attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board:

Carrin Bachowski	Teacher of Family and Consumer Science: Child Development (2 nd review)
Jessie Green	School Counselor
Carlin Laginestra	Teacher of Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
Georgiana Murnaghan	Teacher of Sign Language
Kristin Tallant	Emergency/Standard School Social Worker

Libia Agudelo, who is seeking a Teacher of Bilingual/Bicultural Education certificate, and Daniel Pacifico, who is seeking a Teacher of Business: Computer Applications and Business Related Information Technology certificate (2nd review), were not present at the meeting. Jason Atkins was withdrawn from the agenda.

Credentials Review Consent List

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Mr. Jess seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was present at the June 21, 2012 meeting. The Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Jonathan DeSimone

Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his 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:

Donna L. Covely – Ms. Covely and her counsel, Jeffrey C. Zucker, 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.

David M. Kelly – Mr. Kelly and his counsel, Edward Cridge, 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.

Randi True – Ms. True and her counsel, Arnold M. Mellk, 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.

Lara M. Wilson – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Zuzana Bracok – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate for two years based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

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

Kristi Pennypacker – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Mr. Tirri abstaining since he was not present for the sanction hearing, the Board voted to suspend her certificate until such time as her speech-language pathologist license is reinstated, and the Board renders a final determination on this matter.

Jose Cardenas – 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 his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

William C. Davis – 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.

Patricia M. Gallegos – 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 employment in the public schools.

Ryan A. Giovanelli – 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.

Justin Mannick – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Thomas Papa – 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 his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Maria Parise – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her School Social Worker certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Amalbi Perez – 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 her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Francisco Planas-Borgstrom – 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 his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Manuel Portalatin – 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.

James R. Faux – 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 the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Michael Furey – 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.

Brendan D. Kenny – 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 suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Robert W. Millner – 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 the “revocation” of his certificates in another state.

Tamara Reyes – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her and to issue a new 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.

Cheryl Sloan – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt with modification the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to suspend her certificates for one year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

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

Sandra O’Hara Jones – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificate.

Richard Milich – 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.

Jeffrey Ranck – 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.

Shawn Snavelly – 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.

Ellen Ann Muench – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant her request in part and to amend the minutes of previous meetings.

Sheryl Gleim – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant her motion for a stay.

Broderick Boxley – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Joseph Quartaro – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary suspension of his certificates until such time as the Board issues a decision on the merits of this matter, following completion of a hearing at which he is able to participate in his defense.

Mr. Jess made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Donald Salaam* and *In the Matter of the Certificates of Paula Smith*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:18 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:25 p.m.

Donald Salaam – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary suspension of his certificates until such time as a final agency decision is issued in this matter.

Paula Smith – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Gerard B. Gruenfelder – The Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

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

Orders to Show Cause

Robert Berman
Michael Bonsu
Robyn Fitzgerald
Errol Goodwater
Michael Nelson
Joseph Panzica
Arnaldo Rodriguez
David Wunsch

Revocations

Brian Cummins
Adam Domaradsky
Steve Gallon III
Bennie Martin
Frederick Nowotarski, Jr.
Scott Silverman
Jonathan Titmas
G. Stephen Zeltman

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Request to redact records

Mary Sirangelo

Neil Brown was withdrawn from the legal consent list.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Tirri asked about the possibility of setting a time limitation on presentations in sanction hearings. It was agreed that presentations would not be limited but that staff would attempt to limit the number of hearings scheduled for a meeting in the event that a large number of witnesses were expected to testify.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that extensive amendments to the licensing code would be considered by the State Board of Education at first discussion level in August or September.

Adjournment

Ms. Gales made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Mr. Jess and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, September 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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