

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
February 28, 2013**

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

Absent: None

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. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2013, and Dr. Purnell seconded the motion. With Mr. Jess, Mr. Tirri and Ms. Tunstall 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:

Salem Elkholy	Teacher of Arabic Certificate of Eligibility
David Kratka	School Counselor
Keri Mandel	Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant
Elizabeth Marcinek	Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant Dr. Purnell recused himself.

Sheila McCallum

Teacher of Health Certificate of Eligibility

Stephanie Anilo, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, Patrick Connelly, who is seeking a School Psychologist certificate, Catherine Froehlich, who is seeking a Learning Disability Teacher-Consultant certificate, Ann Kerin, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, and Robert Kiener, who is seeking a Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Graphic Design 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 December 13, 2012 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Monica Garcia

Teacher of Preschool Through Grade 3 Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.

John Paglione

Teacher of Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification but granted him credit for a course or test requirement in typing or keyboarding.

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 December 13, 2012 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Deanna Houlihan

Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board granted her application for certification.

Jessica Lombardi

Teacher of Preschool Through Grade 3 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her application for certification.

Kevin Owens

Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.

Danielle Shanley

School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted 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:

Brian K. Ammon – Mr. Ammon and his attorney, Richard A. Friedman, 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.

Joseph Winkelried – Mr. Winkelried and his attorney, Aileen M. O’Driscoll, 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 Wunsch – By a vote of 4 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing and Mr. Jess, Mr. Tirri and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board voted to suspend his certificates for three years based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Judah Landa – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Mr. Jess, Mr. Tirri and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Anthony Guzman – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate for one year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Theresa Aduvato – By a vote of 8 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.

Toby Bavli – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Sarah Buttino – By a vote of 8 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.

John Feinstein – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing, the Board voted to take no action against his certificates.

Danielle Nardone – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Michael Pallante – By a vote of 8 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.

Patricia Roemer – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

James C. Bonner – By a vote of 8 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.

Mark C. Bringhurst – By a vote of 8 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.

Gerard J. Conley – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to seal that portion of the record containing photos and videos. Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to view a sealed video, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:57 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:03 p.m. By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificates.

Steven Dantine – By a vote of 8 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.

Ronald J. Murphy – By a vote of 8 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.

David W. Shaw – By a vote of 8 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.

Bernard Shero – By a vote of 8 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.

Mamady Camara – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to him.

Askia Nash – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order revoking his certificate and to reinstate his certificate.

Christopher Daggett – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Sean Coghlan – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Richard D'Amato, Jr. – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan recusing herself, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his substitute credential with the force and effect of a revocation.

Gabriel Vasquez – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Stephen M. Arpaia – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny his request to remove decisions and minutes from the Department’s website. However, the Board agreed to amend previous decisions and minutes.

Karen Gaba – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Mr. Jess, Mr. Tirri and Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board voted to deny her request to remove decisions and minutes from the Department’s website. However, the Board agreed to amend previous decisions and minutes.

James K. Johnson – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Judy A. Vazquez – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding a settlement proposal in the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Melvin Cummings*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell. With Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:13 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:28 p.m.

Melvin Cummings – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to table this matter for further review. Deputy Attorney General Ivancikova recused herself and did not participate in the Board’s deliberations.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to include the legal consent list, which was duly seconded by Mr. Jess and carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to remove Jill Kubicki from the legal consent list, which was duly seconded by Ms. Gales and carried by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Purnell 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

Lori Cooper
Frank D’Alonzo
Edward Fiszer
Obawtaye Folayan
Yury Taylor
Richard Wygant

Revocations/Suspensions

Anthony Coluccio, Jr.
James Faux
Robyn Fitzgerald
Donna Johnson
Brendan Kenny
Tamara Reyes
Arnaldo Rodriguez
Tamica Ruffin
Darrelle Tobe

Other

Deborah Cantz
Edward Fiszer
Michael Simone
Sharon Strack

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Suspension

Rose Farrell

Dr. Purnell made a motion that the Board adopt the following matter that was on the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal decision from a previous meeting, and Ms. Gales seconded the motion. With Dr. McGeehan recusing herself, the Board adopted the following order by a unanimous vote.

Revocation

Kathryn Schmicking Guerra

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, April 12, 2013 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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