

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
April 12, 2013**

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

Absent: Dr. Patricia McGeehan
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.

Mr. Jess moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2013, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. 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:

Anthony Esposito	Teacher of Physics Certificate of Eligibility
Shavon Harris	Teacher of Elementary School and Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics Certificates of Eligibility

Kimberly Hutchinson	Principal Certificate of Eligibility
Dr. Eric Mack	Teacher of Physical Science Certificate of Eligibility
Cynthia Martin	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three
Susan Maynard	Teacher of Family and Consumer Science: Child And Family Development Certificate of Eligibility; Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three
Kristin Tallant	School Social Worker

Margaret Murray, who is seeking a Principal Certificate of Eligibility, and Sonya Walsh, who is seeking a Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three 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 February 28, 2013 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Salem Elkholy	Teacher of Arabic Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
David Kratka	School Counselor certificate – The Board denied his application for certification but gave him credit for Theory and Procedures in Individual and Group Guidance, Counseling and Interviewing Techniques, and a supervised Counseling Practicum in a school setting.
Keri Mandel	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant certificate – The Board granted her application for certification.
Sheila McCallum	Teacher of Health Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.

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Stephanie Anilo	School Counselor certificate – The Board granted her application for certification.
Patrick Connolly	School Psychologist certificate – The Board granted his application for certification.
Catherine Froehlich	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant certificate – The Board denied her application for certification.
Ann Kerin	School Counselor certificate – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for the six semester-hour credit practicum in a school setting.
Robert Kiener	Consumer and Technical Education: Graphic Design Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.

Elizabeth Marcinek was withdrawn from the credentials review consent list due to the lack of a quorum since Dr. Purnell recused himself.

Legal Committee Report

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

Dr. Purnell made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding settlement proposals, which was duly seconded by Ms. Gales and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:15 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Santora – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to deny the request for oral argument made by counsel for Ms. Santora and to adopt the findings of the Administrative Law Judge and take no action against her certificates.

Brian Ammon – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Joseph Winkelried – 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.

Brian P. Corcoran – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and the surrender and revocation of his certificates in other states.

Joseph A. Greco – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificates pending disposition of criminal charges.

Eugenio Morales – 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 (Guillermo) Santamaria – Mr. Jess recused himself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Darnell J. Coleman – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the Administrative Law Judge but to modify the recommended penalty and suspend his certificates for 2 years based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Ana Dionisio – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the Administrative Law Judge and take no action against her certificates.

John N. Carpenter – 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 revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Carl R. Davis – By a vote of 6 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.

Francis DeStefano – Mr. Jess recused himself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Thomas Hull – By a vote of 6 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.

Elliot L. Ramo – 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 based on a misrepresentation on his application.

Otto A. Ritter, Jr. – By a vote of 6 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.

Robert F. Ruppert – 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 revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Jason E. Dorrell – 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 revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Danielle L. Picklo – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to amend the order to show cause it had issued on January 25, 2013 as to why her certificates should not be revoked in order to include an additional allegation.

Talita Robinson – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table her application for certification after revocation for further review.

Thomas N. Jimison – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Samantha Morra – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Lawrence Parker – 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 revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Brenda Torrence – By a vote of 6 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.

Jeffrey Logandro – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Nicholas Martinelli – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Shannon S. Wea – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his substitute credential with the force and effect of a revocation.

Alan Chadrijian – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant the request by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund to unseal the record in this matter for the limited purpose of allowing it to access the details of Mr. Chadrijian's misconduct and the potential impact of his conduct on his application for retirement.

Frederick Nowotarski, Jr. – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant his request to amend the revocation order.

Natalia Arroyave – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

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

John M. Capparelli – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which he relinquished his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation, effective June 30, 2013.

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

Melvin Cummings – By a vote of 6 to 0, 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.

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

Orders to Show Cause

Theresa Adubato
Sarah Buttino
Michael Pallante
James Bonner
Mark Bringham
Steven Dantine
Ronald J. Murphy
David Shaw
Bernard Shero

Revocations/Suspensions

Anthony Guzman
Judah Landa
David Wunsch

Other

Stephen Arpaia
Christopher Daggett
Karen Gaba

Lara Wilson was withdrawn from the legal consent list.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Dr. Higgins informed the Board members that a proposed schedule of meetings for 2013-14 had been distributed to them for review.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Mr. Jess made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Gales and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, May 16, 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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