

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
December 13, 2012**

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

Absent: Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Timothy Purnell

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 November 30, 2012 meeting, and Ms. Gales seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review

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

Monica Garcia	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility
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John Paglione	Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility
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Deanna Houlihan, who is seeking a Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant Certificate, Jessica Lombardi, who is seeking a Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, Kevin Owens, who is seeking a Teacher of English

Certificate of Eligibility, and Danielle Shanley, who is seeking a School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility, were not present at the meeting.

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 September 21, 2012 meeting. The Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Meredith Van Arsdale

Supervisor – 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:

Jerry D. Lamb – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Joseph Panzica – 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.

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

Alex DeFlavis – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificates.

Alexis A. Hayes – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate should not be suspended pending successful completion of terms imposed by the court.

Quincey Holloway – 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.

Joan Johnson – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificate.

Ms. Gales made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Ms. Hennessy and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:10 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 11:25 a.m.

Stephanie M. Klecan – A motion to take no action against her certificates was defeated by a vote of 5 to 1, with Ms. Gales, Ms. Hennessy, Mr. Jess, Dr. McNally and Ms. Tunstall opposing. By a vote of 5 to 1, with Mr. Tirri opposing, the Board then 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.

Joan Johnson – By a vote of 4 to 2, with Dr. McNally and Mr. Tirri opposing, the Board voted to reopen this matter. By a vote of 4 to 2, with Dr. McNally and Mr. Tirri opposing, the Board then voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate should not be suspended for one year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Joseph E. Miller – 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.

Danielle L. Picklo – 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 and the surrender of her certificates in another state.

John A. Radzik – 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.

Michael J. Ritacco – 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.

Lisa A. Sivillo – A motion to take no action against her certificates was defeated by a vote of 5 to 1, with Ms. Gales, Ms. Hennessy, Mr. Jess, Dr. McNally and Ms. Tunstall opposing. By a vote of 5 to 1, with Mr. Tirri opposing, the Board then 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.

John Zawadzki – 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.

Gregory Stauffer – 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.

Emma Painter – 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 and crime.

Robert A. Berman – 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.

Gianfranco Maucione – 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.

Robin Crudup – By a vote of 6 to 0, 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.

Anthony Guzman – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted not to retransmit this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing and to move forward with the proceedings before the Board.

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

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The Board reviewed two reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance regarding the Elizabeth School District and the Robert Treat Academy Charter School and directed staff to schedule the certificate-holders named in the reports for review at a future meeting for consideration of whether to initiate proceedings against their certificates.

Mr. Jess made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice on two proposed settlement agreements, which was duly seconded by Ms. Hennessy and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:40 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:35 p.m.

Secretary’s Report

There was no secretary’s report.

Adjournment

Mr. Jess 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 12:36 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, January 25, 2013 in the first floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

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Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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