

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
February 27, 2014**

**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. Purnell moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2014, and Mr. Jess seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Individual Credentials Review**

The following applicants attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board regarding their applications:

Elizabeth Butch  
Kathleen Floyd  
Jacinta Lewis  
Jenna Lipton  
Ann Masterson  
Alessia Marigo  
Jennifer Roer

Graciela Walker was 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 Mr. Jess seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the January 17, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Erika Bakelmun	Teacher of Physics Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
David Cuzzo	Student Assistance Coordinator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Debra Hunter	Cooperative Education Coordinator (non-hazardous) – The Board granted her application for certification.
James Kramer	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Suzanne Manning	English as a Second Language – The Board denied her application for certification.
Jennifer Palma	School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her partial credit for study in Theory and Procedures in Individual and Group Guidance and in Counseling and Interviewing Techniques.
Jessica Walder	Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – 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 Mr. Jess seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was not present at the January 17, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Dawn Sponheimer	Student Assistance Coordinator – The Board granted her application for certification.
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Dr. McNally 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 January 17, 2014 meeting. With Ms. Gales recusing herself, the Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

James DiDonato

School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility –  
The Board granted 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:

Emma Painter – Ms. Painter and her attorney, Marissa A. McAleer, 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.

Yakik Rumley – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Judith Elie – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and the revocation of her certificates in another state.

Charles J. Reilly – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificates pending disposition of criminal charges.

Philip B. Stern – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Nicholas G. Sysock – By a vote of 8 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.

Bruce Cerra – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter for further review.

Quincey Holloway – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the Administrative Law Judge but to modify the recommended penalty and revoke his certificate.

June Kelley – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to suspend her certificates for 3 months.

Craig L. Bell – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his substitute credential.

Tray K. Barnard – By a vote of 8 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 and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Anne Marie Ubl – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan recusing herself, 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.

Cherellyn Vargas – 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 and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Michael Furey – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that it had issued to him and to issue a new 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.

Barbara Bampoe-Parry – 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.

Christine Krzeminski – 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.

Debra Stallone – 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.

Sandra Sussman – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Dara Kurlander – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Michael C. Lambert – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Christopher F. Peters – 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.

Billie Berenbaum – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificate.

Marguerite DeLape – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Christina Lavell – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Holly Taylor – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificate.

Lawrence Parker – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to take no action against his certificates.

Brenda Torrence – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

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

**Orders to Show Cause**

Johnna Crawford  
Justin Dobish  
Thelma Hurd  
Kim Innocenti  
Robin Kent  
Nancy Yacabonis

**Revocations/Suspensions**

Catherine DePaul  
Elliot Ramo

**Other**

Salaiman Abdullah  
Benjamin Norton

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**Revocation**

Francis DeStefano

Dr. McGeehan 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 Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. Purnell recusing himself, the Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous vote.

**Other**

Cathleen Van Vorst

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Secretary's Report**

There was no secretary's report.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, April 4, 2014 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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