

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
April 4, 2014**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Daniela Ivancikova, 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.

Dr. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2014, and Dr. Purnell 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:

Wayne Scott Donadio
Claudia Guerschanik
Brenda Lessig

Oscar Guerrero, Andrea Kominik, Margaret Murray, Sarah Pretty, Priti Sukharamwala and Laurie Ward 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 Mr. Jess seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the February 27, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Elizabeth Butch	Teacher of English – The Board granted her application for certification.
Kathleen Floyd	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Jacinta Lewis	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board denied her application for certification but granted partial credit, i.e., five months of the three years of successful teaching experience required for issuance of the certificate.
Jenna Lipton	Reading Specialist – The Board denied her application for certification.
Ann Masterson	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
Alessia Marigo	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
Jennifer Roer	Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility – 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 Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was not present at the February 27, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Graciela Walker	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Legal Committee Report

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

Larry A. Angney, II – Mr. Angney 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.

Keisha Morsindi – Ms. Morsindi 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.

Emma Painter – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificates for 2 years based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Michael L. Burden – 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.

Maria Malanga – 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.

Scott M. Rubineti – 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.

Maren Sugarman – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificates for 1 year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Dr. Purnell 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 Lourdes Leon*, which was duly seconded by Mr. Jess 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 11:50 a.m.

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

David N. Scheck – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificates, with his consent, pending disposition of criminal charges.

M.N. – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to deny M.N.'s request for oral argument. By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to take no action against his certificates.

Bruce Cerra – Dr. Purnell recused himself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Thomas M. Weir – Mr. Tirri recused himself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Richard Barnes-Bey – 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.

Phillip Birnbaum – 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.

Liza Cruz-Diaz – 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 and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Jennifer M. DeGroat (Ingerman) – 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 revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the relinquishment of her certificates in another state.

Daniel N. Desir – 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 and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Chrystine Cooper Hoeltzel – 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 and the surrender of her certificates in another state.

Katherine A. Kelly – 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 revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Pamela Lack – 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.

Juan Miao – 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.

Shauna E. Morgan – 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.

Rachel M. Morrison – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her substitute credential should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Patricia Ruggeri-Nacer – 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 and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Emilio J. Perez – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Robert M. Egles – 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.

Edward J. Hartman – 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.

Erin T. Haskell – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

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

Vaughn K. Covington – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

LaWilhelmina Johnson – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

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

Orders to Show Cause

Barbara Bampoe-Parry
Tray Barnard
Michael Furey
Christine Krzeminski
Debra Stallone
Anne Marie Ubl
Cherellyn Vargas

Revocations/Suspensions

Judith Elie
Charles J. Reilly
Philip Stern
Nicholas Sysock

Other

Craig Bell
Billie Berenbaum

Marguerite DeLape
Quincy Holloway
June Kelley
Michael Lambert
Christina Lavell
Holly Taylor
Lawrence Parker
Brenda Torrence

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. Purnell 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 12:00 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, May 22, 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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