

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
May 22, 2014**

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

**Absent:** Dr. Timothy Purnell  
Mr. Peter Tirri

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jess, Acting Chair, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Ms. Gales moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2014, and Dr. McNally 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:

Manishi Agnihotri  
Claudia Guerschanik  
Susan Tellone McCoy  
Leonard Sheehy  
Thomas Weber

Kamran Hatefi, Christina Iribarne, William Scott Stone, Priti Sukharamwala and Bingxing Wu 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 April 4, 2014 meeting. With Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Wayne Scott Donadio	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
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Brenda Lessig	Teacher of Comprehensive Family and Consumer Sciences Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Oscar Guerrero	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
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Andrea Kominik	Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Margaret Murray	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Sarah Pretty	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Laurie Ward	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility – 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:

Ms. Gales 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 Ms. Tunstall and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:00 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:01 p.m.

Lourdes Leon – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend her administrative certificates for 5 years.

Larry A. Angney, II – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan abstaining, the Board voted to table this matter.

Keisha Morsindi – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan abstaining, the Board voted to table this matter.

Jose Arce – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Dawn Benson – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Paul C. Canally – 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.

Tyrone M. Dinkins – 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.

Dennis H. Feltz – 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 and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Susan M. Finnigan – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Sondra J. Franklin – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Peter B. Holmgren – 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 and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Robert B. Johnson – 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 and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Dennis Wright – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter. By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Ms. Gales made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Marci Koltenuk* and other cases before the Board, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:12 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:19 p.m. The Acting Chair reported that the Board had received legal advice in the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Marci Koltenuk*, *In the Matter of the Certificates of Belle Silverlieb*, *In the Matter of the Certificates of Jennifer Visco*, *In the Matter of the Certificates of John Tracey* and *In the Matter of the Certificates of Ann F. Garcia*. Deputy Attorney General Daniela Ivancikova recused herself from participating in the Koltenuk, Silverlieb and Visco matters.

Marci Koltenuk – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to dismiss the order to show cause. The Board modified the decision with regard to other relief ordered by the ALJ. Deputy Attorney General Daniela Ivancikova recused herself from participating in this matter.

Belle Silverlieb – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge to dismiss the order to show cause. The Board modified the decision with regard to other relief ordered by the ALJ. Deputy Attorney General Daniela Ivancikova recused herself from participating in this matter.

Jennifer Visco – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept late reply exceptions filed by the respondent. By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge to dismiss the order to show cause. The Board modified the decision with regard to other relief ordered by the ALJ. Deputy Attorney General Daniela Ivancikova recused herself from participating in this matter.

Bruce Cerra – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the Administrative Law Judge but to modify the penalty and revoke Mr. Cerra's certificates.

Walter V. Davis – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted not to retransmit this matter to the Office of Administrative Law.

Robert D. Cohen – 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.

John Conheaney – 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.

James P. Lang – 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.

Jose Mata – 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.

Nelson L. Olivo – 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.

Rodney L. Sheridan – 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 and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

David K. Wagner – 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.

Luanne Macri – 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 Carlos Ruiz – 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.

Brendan D. Kenny – 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 and crime and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

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

Paul W. Houser – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the suspension of his certificates for 3 years.

Alexander Lopez – 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.

Joseph E. Miller – 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.

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

Charles J. Reilly – 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.

Nancy Yacobonis – 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.

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

Allena M. Williams – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter.

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

**Orders to Show Cause**

Richard Barnes-Bey  
Phillip Birnbaum  
Liza Cruz-Diaz  
Jennifer DeGroat (Ingerman)  
Daniel Desir  
Chrystine Cooper Hoeltzel  
Katherine A. Kelly  
Pamela Lack  
Juan Miao  
Shauna E. Morgan  
Rachel Morrison  
Patricia Ruggeri-Nacer

**Revocations/Suspensions**

Michael Burden  
Maria Malanga  
Emma Painter  
Scott Rubinetti  
Maren Sugarman

**Other**

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**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

## **Secretary's Report**

Dr. Higgins reported that he expects the Commissioner to nominate two or three new members to the Board at the June meeting of the State Board of Education. In addition, Dr. Higgins reported that the Department was working on a set of amendments to the licensing code. Dr. Higgins also reported that the members of the Board had received the schedule of meetings for the 2014-15 school year.

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Gales made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McGeehan 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 Monday, June 23, 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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