

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
July 15, 2014**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Daniela Ivancikova, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. JoAnn Gales
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Laura Morana
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess

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.

Deputy Attorney General Daniela Ivancikova administered the oath of office to a new member of the Board, Dr. Laura Morana. Mr. Tirri welcomed Dr. Morana to the Board.

Ms. Gales moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2014, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. Morana, Dr. Purnell and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review

No applicants attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Board regarding their applications. Lorraine G. Bittings, Philippa Clayton, Elise Creegan, Dr. Hilde Dyer, Graciela Gaillardin, Brenda Narcisse, Connie Sanchez and Vanetha Wood Stradford 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 May 22, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Manishi Agnihotri	Teacher of Biological Science certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (or standard certificate) – The Board denied her application for certification.
Claudia Guerschanik	Teacher of English as a Second Language; Teacher of Spanish – The Board denied her application for certification as a Teacher of English as a Second Language. The Board granted her application for certification as a Teacher of Spanish.
Susan Tellone-McCoy	This matter was withdrawn from the consent list.
Leonard Sheehy	Teacher of Technology Education – The Board denied his application for certification but granted him 3 semester-hour credits of the required 24 semester-hour credits.
Thomas Weber	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics certificate of eligibility with advanced standing – The Board denied his application for certification.

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Kamran Hatefi	Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Christina Iribarne	Reading Specialist – The Board granted her application for certification.
William Scott Stone	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Social Studies – The Board denied his application for certification.
Priti Sukharamwala	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Mathematics – The Board denied

her application for certification.

Bingxing Wu

Teacher of Chinese Certificate of Eligibility – 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:

Kevin M. Kane – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Yvette Nichols – Ms. Nichols and her attorney, Ronald J. Ricci, 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.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Walter Oberwanowicz* and *In the Matter of the Certificates of Ann F. Garcia*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:40 a.m. Dr. Purnell recused himself and did not participate in the Oberwanowicz matter. The Board returned to the public session at 12:05 p.m.

Walter Oberwanowicz – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Purnell recusing himself, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend his Principal and Teacher of the Handicapped certificates for 2½ years, effective Jan. 1, 2015.

Ann F. Garcia – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her.

Larry A. Angney, II – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Morana abstaining, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the surrender of his certificate(s) in another state.

Keisha Morsindi – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Morana abstaining, the Board voted to revoke her substitute credential based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Yakik Rumley – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Morana abstaining, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s) for two years based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the surrender of his certificate(s) in another state.

Paige M. Donaldson (Zappile) – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Ana Ferreira – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Alan T. Hurd – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct, the suspension of his certificate(s) in another state and a misrepresentation on his application for certification.

Maritza Wagensommer – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and action against her certificate(s) in another state.

Ronald Moreno – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge in this matter and to revoke his certificate(s).

Jennifer A. Cornine – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Kathryn Johnson – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificate(s).

Sherrvell A. Johnson – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime, her disqualification from employment in the public schools, a misrepresentation on her application for certification and the fact that she continued to work in a public school despite her disqualification.

William McMeekan – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

John N. Norton – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Scott D. Petry – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the surrender of his certificate(s) in lieu of discipline in another state.

David Van Buren – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and the surrender of his certificate(s) in another state.

Kevin Humphrey – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Dennis Powers – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Sharon L. Boss – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Jules B. Gross – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Anthony Morales – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

David M. Coyle – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Kari L. Flanagan – By a vote of 7 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 Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. Morana abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Robert D. Cohen
John Conheeney
Brendan D. Kenny
James P. Lang
Luanne Macri
Jose Mata
Nelson L. Olivo
Juan Carlos Ruiz
Rodney L. Sheridan
David K. Wagner

Revocations/Suspensions

Jose Arce
Dawn Benson
Paul C. Canally
Tyrone M. Dinkins
Dennis H. Feltz
Susan M. Finnigan
Sondra J. Franklin
Peter B. Holmgren

Robert B. Johnson
Dennis Wright

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 Ms. Gales seconded the motion. With Dr. Purnell recusing himself and Dr. Morana abstaining, the Board adopted the following order by a unanimous vote.

Bruce Cerra

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Marci Koltenuk
Belle Silverlieb
Jennifer Visco

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Ms. Gales 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 12:19 p.m.

Dr. McNally made a motion to reconvene the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

A motion was made to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Application for Certification of David M. Coyle*, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:25 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:28 p.m.

David M. Coyle – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to grant his request to address the Board. Following Mr. Coyle's presentation, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Dr. McGeehan 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 12:35 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, July 24, 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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