

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
July 24, 2014**

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

Absent: Ms. Kristin Hennessy

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. Jonathan Dauber. Mr. Tirri welcomed Dr. Dauber to the Board.

Individual Credentials Review

Ms. Gales made a motion to add Marc Mancinelli to the credentials review agenda, which was duly seconded by Mr. Jess and carried by unanimous vote.

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

Samantha Billig
Caridad Chrisomalis

Keisha Golding Cooper
Nelisette Morales (reconsideration)

Lisa Bendetti, Christine Black, Richard Franco, Carla Guerriero, Meika Laszlo, Monica Mack, Marc Mancinelli and Stacy Mitgang were not present at the meeting.

Robertha Walters was withdrawn from the agenda.

Legal Committee Report

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

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to move the proposed consent orders to the beginning of the legal agenda, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by unanimous vote.

Joan Johnson – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to revoke her certificate(s).

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding settlement proposals in the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of John Tracey* and *In the Matter of the Certificates of Gail P. Wunsch*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:42 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:23 p.m.

John Tracey – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Gail P. Wunsch – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter. DAG Daniela Ivancikova did not participate in this matter.

Yvette Nichols – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Ms. Tunstall opposing and Dr. Dauber abstaining, the Board voted to suspend her certificate(s) for two years based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Walter V. Davis – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and the surrender of his certificate(s) in another state.

Kim Innocenti – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime, her disqualification from employment in the public schools and her failure to report her arrest and conviction to her school district.

Kevin M. Kane – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime, his disqualification from employment in the public schools and a court order directing him to forfeit his certificate(s).

Robyn Z. Kent – By a vote of 9 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.

Darryl T. Powell – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter for further review.

John Carlomagno – By a vote of 9 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.

Brittania D. Frazier – By a vote of 9 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.

Brigitte Geiger – By a vote of 9 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.

Randall Hunt – By a vote of 9 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.

Sharon Jones – By a vote of 9 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.

Kimberlynn Jurkowski – By a vote of 9 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.

Jacqueline J. Lewis – By a vote of 9 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 the surrender of her certificate(s) for permanent revocation in another state.

Ralphiel D. Mack – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, 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 his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Shellie Mackson – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Mr. Tirri recusing himself, 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.

Barry P. Morris – By a vote of 9 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.

Mildred C. Spencer – By a vote of 9 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.

Demetrio Surace – By a vote of 9 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.

Geoffrey D. Touretz – By a vote of 9 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.

Jimmie E. Warren – By a vote of 9 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.

Dara Kurlander – Ms. Gales made the following statement: “Ms. Kurlander has made a formal request for me to recuse on the basis of my comments at the January 2013 public meeting. My comments were general in nature and not applicable to this particular matter, and I fully expect to approach this case on the record before me in an unbiased way.” By a vote of 8 to 0, with Mr. Jess recusing himself, 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.

Mr. Jess left the meeting at this time.

Gwendolyn Grey Prendimano – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Cara E. Conroy – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Cheryl L. Burdett – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Renee Y. Morrell – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

David M. Coyle – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. Dauber abstaining, the Board voted to vacate its previous vote and to take no action to block his 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. Morana seconded the motion. With Dr. Dauber abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Jennifer A. Cornine
Kevin Humphrey
Sherrvell A. Johnson
William McMeekan
John N. Norton
Scott D. Petry
Dennis Powers
David Van Buren

Revocations/Suspensions

Larry A. Angney, II
Paige M. Donaldson (Zappile)
Ana Ferreira
Alan T. Hurd
Keisha Morsindi
Yakik Rumley
Maritza Wagensommer

Other

Ronald Moreno

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Dr. Higgins indicated that he would speak with the Director of the Criminal History Review Unit regarding a question that had been raised about the effect of a new medical marijuana law on criminal history background checks. Dr. Higgins also reported that copies of three decisions by the Commissioner on appeal from determinations made by the Board had been distributed to the members of the Board for their information. In addition, the Board reviewed reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance concerning the Roseville Avenue School in Newark, the West Avenue School in Bridgeton and the Trenton Community Charter School and instructed staff to schedule the certificate-holders implicated in those reports for review at a future meeting for consideration of whether to initiate proceedings against their certificates.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that proposed licensing code amendments are proceeding to review by the Attorney General's Office.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on September 19, 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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