

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
December 6, 2013**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Jones, 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.

Ms. Gales moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2013, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Tirri abstaining, 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:

Amy Bleacher
James Damiano
Jonathan Hart
Nelisette Morales
Lauren Naselli
Avi Strulson (Reconsideration)

Qiao Jones, Allison Miles, Jenna Rinaldi and Fran Sergi-Campolo (reconsideration) 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 November 1, 2013 meeting. With Mr. Tirri abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Ashley Fudurich	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
Jacqueline Gambino	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three and Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certificates of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her applications for certification.
Sudha Jyothiraj	Teacher of Chemistry – The Board granted her application for certification.
Jacqueline Melendez	School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her partial credit for three graduate semester-hour credits in career counseling (vocational guidance).
Wes Mingin	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Interactive Media – The Board denied his application for certification.
MarySue Murray	Teacher of American Sign Language Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.

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Lauren Falivene	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
Kelly Josberger	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.
Matthew Mignanelli	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied 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:

Catherine DePaul – Ms. DePaul and her attorney, William Nossen, 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.

Kelly Anne Orbin – Ms. Orbin and her attorney, Keith Waldman, 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.

Elliot L. Ramo – Mr. Ramo 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.

Danielle Picklo – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificates for 3 years based on the level and nature of the conduct and action against her certificates in another state.

John Zawadzki – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Stephen F. Omert – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend his certificates for 6 years.

Donald Salaam – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Robert J. Carter – 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 certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Paige M. Donaldson (Zappile) – 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.

Robert M. Egles – 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.

Keisha Morsindi – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her substitute credential should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Laura Murray – 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.

Yvette Nichols – 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.

Emilio J. Perez – By a vote of 8 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 misrepresentation on his application for certification.

David N. Scheck – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Maritza Wagensommer – 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 action against her certificates in another state.

Theresa Adubato – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take this matter out of abeyance.

Sarah Buttino – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take this matter out of abeyance.

Michael Pallante – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take this matter out of abeyance.

Alan T. Hurd – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification and 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, suspension of his certificates in another states and misrepresentation on his application for certification.

Joseph A. Greco – 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.

Francis DeStefano – Mr. DeStefano and his attorney, Michael Shulman, 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. Mr. Jess recused himself.

Ms. Gales made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate of Michael O. Bonsu*, which was

duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:05 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:08 p.m. By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to consider late exceptions filed by Mr. Bonsu and reply exceptions filed thereto by the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the case.

Mr. Jess made a motion to recess the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by unanimous vote. Following the recess, a motion was made to reopen the meeting, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was reopened by Mr. Tirri, Acting Chair.

Michael O. Bonsu – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

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

Jose Arce
David B. Brown
Michael L. Burden
Paul C. Canally
Jose DaCosta
Tyrone M. Dinkins
Dennis H. Feltz
Jason B. Fennes
Michelle Gibbs
Edward J. Hartman
Jernee Kollock
Maria Malanga
Jean Mary Ovide
Maren Sugarman

Revocations

Stephen Dantinne
Otto Ritter, Jr.

Other

Nelson Evans, Jr.
James O. Mboya

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The Board discussed concerns raised by Mr. Tirri regarding the impact of the new evaluation system on the Board and the Office of Administrative Law.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that a number of proposals for amendments to the licensing code are currently in process.

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 12:29 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, January 17, 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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