

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
January 23, 2015**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. JoAnn Gales
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Laura Morana
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: 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.

Dr. Purnell moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2014, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Ms. Hennessy 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:

Kurt Ceresnak
Jillian Eisenbraun

Malka Golovenzitz
Kerith Lewis
Gayle Lipari
Alex Taunean

Theresa Bennin and Justin Pajic were not present at the meeting.

Maryann Sharkey Braen (re-review) was withdrawn from the agenda.

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 not present at the December 12, 2014 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

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| Laura Dolan | Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Christopher Mitcheltree | Teacher of Elementary School certificate of eligibility with advanced standing – The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Yut’sse Thomas | School Business Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for coursework in Management or Administration. |

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| Patrick Cerria | Teacher of Music certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Gina Fournier | Teacher of Music certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Paul Measso | Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Jessica Urban | Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Myka Washington | Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board |

denied her application for certification.

Heather Todd-Schlieper was withdrawn from the consent list.

Legal Committee Report

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

John N. Norton – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Jennifer A. Cornine – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate(s) for 3 years based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:08 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:14 p.m.

Debra Stallone – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause and take no action against her certificate(s).

Errol J. Goodwater – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Timothy P. Hanlon – 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 the surrender of his certificate(s) in another state.

Neville Hector, Jr. – 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 and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Sherrvell A. Johnson – 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 disclose her conviction on an application for certification.

A motion was made to revise the order of the legal agenda, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.

Scott D. Petry – 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 and the surrender of his certificates in lieu of discipline in another state.

Demetrio Surace – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Lori Cooper – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the Administrative Law Judge but to modify the penalty and suspend her certificate(s) for 2 years.

Jose DaCosta – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Robert Firestone – 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 crime.

Kenneth L. Hall – 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 crime.

Kaled Hardan – 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.

Kevin Harriman – 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.

Tara C. Kennelly – 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.

Felicia Kenny – 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.

Christopher M. Martinelli – 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 crime and action against his certificates in another state.

Shawn Sochaski – 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.

Neicy Della Corte – 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.

Fern Zinkoski – 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.

Denise Taylor – 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 suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Beth Pullaro – 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.

Frank C. Dolan – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Seema Govil – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Valerie D. Walker – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to place this matter into abeyance.

Isaias Flowers – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Castor L. Losada – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Dr. Purnell recusing himself, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Mawiyah Britton Reed – 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 her certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Joseph Rieder – 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.

John Sico – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the Board voted to take no action against his certificate(s).

Christopher M. Martinelli – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to withdraw its previous motion. 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 crime.

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. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Neteria Augcomfar
Gary J. Borges

Glenn Ciripompa
Charles J. Hall
Regina Miller
Rachel M. Morrison
Mary E. Purcell
Phyllis R. Smith
Ted S. Zawacki

Revocations

Mary Ellen Bechard
David S. Brown
Robert D. Cohen
Kevin Humphrey
Katherine A. Kelly
Lalelei B. Kelly
Angela Kemp
Jose Mata
Nelson L. Olivo
Dennis Powers
Juan Carlos Ruiz
Rodney L. Sheridan
Joseph E. Sherman
Yury Taylor
Cherellyn Vargas
David K. Wagner

Other

Alexandra Amorim
Darryl T. Powell

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Since it appeared that the Board would not have a quorum for the meeting scheduled for March 5, 2015, the Board discussed rescheduling the meeting based on the availability of Board members.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

The next public meeting of the State Board of Examiners, which was scheduled for March 5, 2015, has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2015 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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