

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
March 12, 2015**

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

**Absent:** Ms. Kristin Hennessy  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tirri, Acting Chairperson, 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 January 23, 2015, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Jess 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:

Katharine Bergacs  
Courtney Doran

Maryann Sharkey Braen (re-review), Raflaa Gergs, Kimberly Meyer, Joe Pizzuto Pomaco, Heather Todd Schlieper (re-review) and Alex Taunean (re-review) 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 not present at the January 23, 2015 meeting. With Mr. Jess abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

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| Theresa Bennin | Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.  |
| Justin Pajic   | Teacher of Health and Physical Education certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification. |

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| Kurt Ceresnak      | School Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.   |
| Jillian Eisenbraum | School Nurse/Non-Instructional – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for a current New Jersey registered professional nurse license, a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation certificate and courses in Health Assessment, Special Education or Learning Disabilities and Public Health. |
| Malka Golovenzitz  | Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired – The Board denied her application for certification.   |
| Kerith Lewis       | Teacher of Chemistry – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for two of the eight semester-hour credits in chemistry that are not at the advanced level.   |
| Gayle Lipari       | Teacher of Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board granted 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. Morana seconded the motion. With Mr. Jess abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Neicy Della Corte  
Robert Firestone  
Kenneth L. Hall  
Kaled Hardan  
Kevin Harriman  
Tara C. Kennelly  
Felicia Kenny  
Christopher M. Martinelli  
Beth Pullaro  
Shawn Sochaski  
Denise Taylor  
Fern Zinkoski

Revocations/Suspensions

Lori Cooper  
Jennifer Cornine  
Errol J. Goodwater  
Timothy P. Hanlon  
Neville Hector, Jr.  
Sherrvell A. Johnson  
Scott D. Petry  
Demetrio Surace

Other

Isaias Flowers  
Seema Govil

Mr. Tirri 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 Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion. With Dr. Purnell recusing himself and Mr. Jess abstaining, the Board adopted the following order by a unanimous vote.

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Mawiyah Britton Reed  
Joseph Rieder

### **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 – Mr. Norton and his attorney, Jennifer L. Gottschalk, 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.

Jennifer Cornine – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing, the Board voted to stay its suspension order pending determination of her appeal to the Commissioner.

Thomas M. Weir – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s) with consent pending disposition of criminal charges.

Johnna J. Crawford – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend her certificate(s) for 4 years.

Laura Murray – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to revoke her certificate(s), effective July 1, 2015.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:15 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:43 p.m.

Dr. Dauber left the meeting at this time.

Justin Dobish – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

James P. Lang – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

John Tracey – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Randall O. Johnson – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Patrick N. McGwier – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s) pending disposition of criminal charges.

Barry P. Morris – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Geoffrey D. Touretz – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Kalee S. Warnick – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate(s) pending disposition of criminal charges.

Jose DaCosta – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to adopt to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his instructional certificate(s).

George E. Bolzoni (a/k/a Perez) – 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 suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Radale Falana – 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 suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

John J. Gibson – 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.

Joseph T. Mahon – 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.

Stephen W. Sweigart – 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 his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Danielle Brodo – 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 suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Francine Cruz – 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 suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Luanne Macri – 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.

Linda Medves – 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 suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Joseph Oliverie – 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 suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Peter B. Holmgren – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate its revocation order. 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 his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

John A. Brishcar – 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.

John C. Coulton – 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.

Lauren C. Falco – 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.

Stacy L. Johnson – 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.

Luis A. Martinez-Palencia – 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.

Keith R. McGee – 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.

Kevin M. Mulligan – 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.

Jennifer L. Harker – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Matthew P. Carder – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification as a Teacher of Driver Education.

Steven J. Lore – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification as a Teacher of Driver Education.

Dr. Purnell made a motion that the Board adopt the following matter that was on the addendum to the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal decision, and Dr. Morana

seconded the motion. By a vote of 6 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing, the Board adopted the following order.

Stay suspension pending appeal

Jennifer Cornine

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Mr. Jess requested that staff compile a spreadsheet of legal cases for the last three years showing the penalties imposed by the Board. In addition, staff asked the members of the Board to verify that the meeting scheduled for May 21, 2015 would not conflict with administration of the PARCC test. The members indicated that May 21 would not be a problem.

**Secretary's Report**

There was no secretary's report.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Jess 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 1:10 p.m.

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