

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
April 17, 2015**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. JoAnn Gales
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Dr. Laura Morana
Dr. Timothy Purnell
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. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2015, and Dr. Dauber 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:

Lucia Antunes
Anthony Attardo
Katherine Bergacs
Maryann Sharkey Braen (Re-review)
Paul Gibson

Karen Sorensen

Andrew Coban, Jaime Gregori and Monica Irimia were not present at the meeting.

Credentials Review Consent List

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Mr. Jess seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was present at the March 12, 2015 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy abstaining, the Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous vote.

Courtney Doran	Teacher of English as a Second Language Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her application for certification.
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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 not present at the March 12, 2015 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Raflaa Gergs	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
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Kimberly Meyer	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Joe Pizzuto Pomaco	Teacher of Social Studies Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied his application for certification.
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Alez Taunean (re-review)	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
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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 – 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 crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Carl B. Pinnaro – 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 action against his certificates in another state.

Glenn Washburn – 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 crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Eric Baroni – 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.

Michael Carmiche, Jr. – 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.

Remarno O. Chambers – 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.

Kimberly Charnuska – 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.

Jon-Lenard George – 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.

Andrea H. Grannemann – 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.

Lynda Harris – 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 and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Ruthann Hatfield – 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.

Edward McCray III – 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.

Carlos F. Miranda – Mr. Tirri recused himself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Joseph Piparo – 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.

Raymond F. Waters – 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.

Narcissa Zuber (Mross) – 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 pending disposition of criminal charges.

Angela Arpino – 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.

Michelina Pugliese – 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.

Poliana Seremnhó – 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.

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

Annmarie Guenther – 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.

Wanda Reynolds – 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.

Cathie Bedosky – 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.

Jill A. Sheinbaum – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate(s) by consent pending disposition of criminal charges.

John W. Watson – 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.

Jose E. Casteneda – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Lolita C. DeShazor – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Shavonne S. Maize – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Gwendolyn King El-Amin – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the suspension of her certificate(s) and take no action to block her application for duplicate certificate(s).

Dr. Dauber 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

George Bolzoni
Danielle Brodo
Francine Cruz
Radale Falana
John J. Gibson
Peter B. Holmgren
Luanne Macri
Joseph T. Mahon
Linda Medves
Joseph Oliverie
Stephen W. Sweigart

Revocations/Suspensions

Randall O. Johnson
Patrick N. McGwier
Barry P. Morris
Geoffrey Touretz
Kalee S. Warnick

Other

Matthew P. Carder
Jose DaCosta
Steven J. Lore

Old Business

Dr. Higgins reported that amendments to the licensing code should be ready for review by the State Board of Education at proposal level in May or June.

New Business

Staff asked the members of the Board to advise if they have any problems with the meeting dates on the proposed 2015-16 meeting schedule.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Mr. Jess and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, May 21, 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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