

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
May 21, 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. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Laura Morana
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jess, Acting Chairperson, 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 April 17, 2015, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Ms. Tunstall 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:

Ron Evans
Erika Himstedt
Meghan Moratelli
Georgiana Murnaghan
Samantha Rohlander
Marjorie Saltzman
Laura Lee Yacullo

Katherine Assini, Joseph Macho, Yvonne Phillips and Patricia Smith 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 present at the April 17, 2015 meeting. With Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Lucia Antunes	Teacher of Portuguese Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her application for certification.
Anthony Attardo	Teacher of Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.
Katherine Bergacs (Re-review)	Student Assistant Coordinator Certificate of Eligibility and Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her applications for certification, but granted her partial credit for the Certificate of Eligibility for study in fundamentals of drug and alcohol abuse and dependency and related problems; child and adolescent development, including research-based risk, protective and resiliency factors for students at risk for school failure; and coordination and delivery of intervention and referral services in a school setting, including multidisciplinary intervention teams.
Maryann Sharkey Braen (Re-review)	Teacher of Comprehensive Family and Consumer Science – The Board denied her application for certification.
Paul Gibson	Teacher of Art Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification but granted him partial credit, i.e., 8 semester-hour credits in art, including 5 credits at the advanced level.
Kerith Lewis	Teacher of Chemistry – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for 6 of the 8 semester-hour credits that are not at the advanced level.

Karen Sorensen

Teacher of Family and Consumer Science
Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her
application for certification.

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Andrew Coban

Supervisor – The Board denied his application for
certification.

Jaime Gregori

Student Assistance Coordinator Certificate of
Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board
denied her application for certification.

Monica Irimia

Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility
with Advanced Standing – The Board granted her
application for certification.

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision on reconsideration in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Ms. Tunstall abstaining, the Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous vote.

Heather Todd Schlieper

Teacher of Theater Certificate of Eligibility with
Advanced Standing – The Board granted her
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:

Charles Ferrara, Jr. – 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.

Brittania D. Frazier – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Charles J. Hall – 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.

Brian L. Miele – 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 the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Rachel M. Morrison – By a vote of 7 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.

Jessica Banks – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend her certificates for 1 year, effective July 1, 2015.

Dr. Dauber made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding settlement proposals, which was duly seconded by Dr. Morana and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:55 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:03 p.m.

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

Roman Abashkin – 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.

Olabisi Dabiri-Okoya – Ms. Tunstall recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Jennifer Filo – 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.

Michelle Gates – 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.

Walter L. Goodwin – 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.

Barbara Jetton – Dr. Dauber and Dr. Morana recused themselves, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Carlos F. Miranda – 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.

John J. Neary – 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.

Bruce Reisman – 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.

Gary J. Vitta – 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.

Angela Arpino – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Micheline Pugliese – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate its previous vote and take no action against her certificate(s).

Poliana Seromenho – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Kimberlynn Jurkowski – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to amend the order to show cause issued to her.

Richard Barnes-Bey – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

Jacqueline J. Lewis – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to retransmit this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing.

Jason E. Koenig – 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.

Darnell M. Lewis – 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.

Deborah C. Rodgers – 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.

Joseph Towns – 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.

Scott Van Hoven – 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.

Isaias Flowers – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Tara M. Delmonaco – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

John J. Famiano – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Marcus Rhaney – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny his request to remove his decision from the Department of Education’s website but agreed to correct the name of his school.

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. Morana seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Angela Arpino
Eric Baroni
Cathie Bedosky
Michael Carmiche, Jr.
Remarno O. Chambers
Kimberly Charnuska
Jon-Lenard George
Andrea Grannemann
Annmarie Guenther
Lynda Harris
Ruthann Hatfield
Edward McCray III
Joseph Piparo
Wanda Reynolds
Poliana Seromenho
Raymond F. Waters
Narcissa Zuber (Mross)

Revocations

John N. Norton
Carl B. Pinnaro
Glenn Washburn

Other

Jose E. Casteneda

Michelina Pugliese was removed from the legal consent list.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that the code package would be before the State Board of Education at proposal level in June.

Adjournment

Ms. Tunstall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Morana and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, June 26, 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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