

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
June 26, 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 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 May 21, 2015, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. McGeehan, Dr. Purnell and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Higgins presented resolutions to Ms. Gales, Mr. Tirri and Ms. Tunstall, thanked them for their many years of service to the Board and conveyed best wishes to them on their retirement.

Individual Credentials Review

The following applicants attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board regarding their applications:

Sabina Muller
Olivia Russo

Susan Thompson

Roger Askins, Bryanna Durant, Jose Garay and Harjit Kaur 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 May 21, 2015 meeting. With Dr. McGeehan, Dr. Purnell and Mr. Tirri abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Ron Evans	Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied his application for certification.
Erika Himstedt	School Nurse – The Board denied her application for certification but granted credit for a course in Methods in Teaching Health and Curriculum Development in Grades Preschool through 12.
Meghan Moratelli	Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Georgiana Murnaghan	Teacher of American Sign Language certificate of eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.
Samantha Rohlander	Reading Specialist – The Board granted her application for certification.
Marjorie Saltzman	Teacher of Students with Disabilities provisional certificate – The Board denied her application for renewal of her provisional certificate.
Laura Lee Yacullo	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.

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Kathleen Assini	Teacher of Consumer and Technical Education: Cosmologist/Hairstylist certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Joseph Macho	Teachers of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied

his application for certification.

Yvonne Phillips

Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three certificate of eligibility with advanced standing – The Board denied her application for certification.

Patricia Smith

Reading Specialist – 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:

Regina Miller – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding settlement proposals, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:33 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 11:57 a.m.

Rodney S. Lofton – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend his certificate(s) for 90 days.

John Tracey – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend his certificate(s) for 5 years.

Neteria Augcomfar – 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.

William T. Muzzio, 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.

Mary E. Purcell – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that it had issued to her. By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to issue a new order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Ted S. Zawacki – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that it had issued to him.

Charles E. Cusack – 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 suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Olabisi Dabiri-Okoya – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, 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.

Jospeh Devita – 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.

Andrea L. Donio – 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.

Doretta A. Healy – 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 and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Amy L. Ochetto – 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 and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Daniel S. Poussart – 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 suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Barbara Jetton – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. Dauber and Dr. Morana recusing themselves, the Board voted to take no action against her certificate(s).

Joseph Rieder – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that it had issued to him.

Nicholas C. Brown – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to remand this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for further proceedings.

Richard Barnes-Bey – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to request additional information.

Sandra Tannen – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to deny her request to remove her decision from the Department's website.

Vincent J. Pettinelli – 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.

Beth Pullaro – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

John P. Clement – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Gene M. Stith – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to request additional information.

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 Dr. Purnell abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Roman Abashkin
Jennifer Filo
Walter Goodwin
Kimberlyn Jurkowski
Bruce Reisman
Gary J. Vitta

Revocations

Charles Ferrara, Jr.
Brittania D. Frazier
Charles J. Hall
Brian L. Miele
Rachel M. Morrison

Other

John J. Famiano
Isaias Flowers
Marcus Rhaney

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Michelle Gates
Carlos F. Miranda
John J. Neary

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that the licensing code amendments had been approved at proposal level by the State Board of Education and that the amendments should be scheduled for consideration by the State Board at adoption level in October or November.

Adjournment

Ms. Tunstall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Gales and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, July 30, 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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