

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
September 19, 2014**

**Present:** Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary  
Ms. Daniela Ivancikova, Deputy Attorney General  
Dr. Jonathan Dauber  
Ms. JoAnn Gales  
Dr. Patricia McGeehan  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Dr. Timothy Purnell  
Mr. Peter Tirri  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

**Absent:** Ms. Kristin Hennessy  
Mr. Derek Jess  
Dr. Laura Morana

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. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2014, and Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote. Ms. Gales moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of July 24, 2014, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. 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:

Assadour Choungourian  
Michael Dappalone  
LaVonne Furlow  
Yusuf Jaaber  
Rebecca Linton. (Dr. Purnell recused himself.)

Dr. Laurie Cancalosi, Shana Fehring and Glenn Henson 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 July 15, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

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| Lorraine G. Bittings   | School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification.   |
| Philippa Clayton       | Teacher of Elementary School – The Board denied her application for certification.   |
| Elise Creegan          | Teacher of English – The Board granted her application for certification.  |
| Brenda Narcisse        | Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.   |
| Connie Sanchez         | Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her partial credit for 3 graduate elective semester-hour credits in curriculum development and 3 graduate elective semester-hour credits in staff supervision and/or curriculum development. |
| Vanetha Wood Stradford | Teacher of Elementary School and Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Science – The Board denied her applications for certification.   |

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 July 24, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

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| Samantha Billig     | Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for 3 graduate credits in general principles of curriculum design and development and 3 elective graduate credits in curriculum design and development. |
| Caridad Chrisomalis | School Administrator certificate of eligibility – The  |

Board denied her application for certification.

Keisha Golding Cooper

School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for 6 graduate semester-hour credits in supervised counseling practicum in a school setting and 3 graduate semester-hour credits in psychology.

Nelisette Morales (reconsideration)

Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.

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Lisa Bendetti

Teacher of Elementary School certificate of eligibility with advanced standing – The Board denied her application for certification.

Christine Black

Teacher of Elementary School and Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Language Arts/Literacy certificates of eligibility – The Board denied her applications for certification.

Richard Franco

Teacher of Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.

Carla Guerriero

School Library Media Specialist – Dr. McNally recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the consent list due to the lack of a quorum.

Meika Laszlo

Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board granted her application for certification.

Monica Mack

Teacher of Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.

Marc Mancinelli

School Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.

Stacy Mitgang

Teacher of Family and Consumer Science – 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:

Stephanie M. Klecan – Ms. Klecan and her attorney, Stephen B. Hunter, Esq., appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. Following the hearing, by a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause and take no action against her certificate(s).

Tray K. Barnard – 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.

Jason B. Fennes – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s) pending disposition of criminal charges.

Michael Furey – 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.

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

Anne Marie Ubl – Dr. McGeehan recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Darryl T. Powell – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to suspend his certificate(s) for 1 year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Gary Villapiano – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to grant Mr. Villapiano's request to address the Board. Following Mr. Villapiano's presentation, the Board took this matter under advisement.

Jessica Banks – 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 for 1 year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Lee Brockington – 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.

Christopher Chepelevich – 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 action against his certificates in another state.

John C. Coulton – 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.

Elyse C. Cromwell – 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.

Frank C. Dolan – 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 action against his certificates in another state.

Charles Ferrara, Jr. – Dr. McGeehan recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

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

David Hinlicky – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Randall O. Johnson – 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 action against his certificates in another state.

Patrick N. McGwier – 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.

Brian L. Miele – 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 action against his certificates in another state.

Christi Pemberton – 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.

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

Rose M. Serra – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Gregory J. Stull – 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.

Glenn Washburn – 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.

Thomas M. Weir – Mr. Tirri recused himself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Lisa A. Sivillo – 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.

Brenda Mapp – Ms. Tunstall recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Danny Del Valle – 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.

Jaclyn P. Melillo – 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.

Allena M. Williams – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Yvette Nichols – By a vote of 6 to 1, with Dr. Purnell opposing, the Board voted to vacate its previous vote and to suspend her certificate(s) for 1 year based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Juan Davies – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend his certificate(s) for 1½ years.

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

Gary Villapiano – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to reopen this matter in order to give another speaker the opportunity to address the Board on behalf of Mr. Villapiano.

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

### **Orders to Show Cause**

John Carlomagno

Brittania D. Frazier  
Brigitte Geiger  
Randall Hunt  
Sharon Jones  
Kimberlynn Jurkowski  
Dara Kurlander  
Jacqueline J. Lewis  
Barry P. Morris  
Mildred C. Spencer  
Demetrio Surace  
Geoffrey D. Touretz  
Jimmie E. Warren

### **Revocations**

Walter V. Davis  
Kim Innocenti  
Kevin M. Kane  
Robyn Z. Kent

Ms. Tunstall recused herself, and Ralphiel D. Mack was withdrawn from the consent list due to the lack of a quorum. Mr. Tirri recused himself, and Shellie Mackson was withdrawn from the consent list due to the lack of a quorum.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

The Board reviewed a report issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance titled “M.E.T.S. Charter School Expenditure Review” and directed staff to schedule the certificate-holders named in the report for review at a future meeting for consideration of whether to initiate proceedings against their certificates.

### **Secretary’s Report**

There was no secretary’s report.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Purnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McGeehan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 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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