

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
December 12, 2014**

Present: Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. JoAnn Gales
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Laura Morana
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess

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. Purnell moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2014, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. Purnell abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:27 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:18 p.m.

Individual Credentials Review Presentations

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

Maryann Sharkey Braen

Patrick Cerria
Gina Fournier
Paul Measso
Heather Todd-Schlieper
Jessica Urban
Myka Washington

Laura Dolan, Christopher Mitcheltree and Yut'se Thomas 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 Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was not present at the June 27, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous vote.

Hilde Dyer	Teacher of English – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was present at the September 19, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous vote.

Michael Dappalone	Supervisor – The Board denied his 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 Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the October 23, 2014 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Sean Carney	Teacher of Driver Education certificate of eligibility with advanced standing – The Board granted his application for certification.
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Janine Hatton	Teacher of Marketing certificate of eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.
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Katherine Mosher	Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Michael Petrillo	Teacher of Elementary School – The Board denied his application for certification.
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Lana Statella Teacher of English as a Second Language – The Board denied her application for certification.

George Wolkiewicz Teacher of Business: Finance/Economics/Law certificate of eligibility with advanced standing – The Board granted his application for certification.

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Jessica Dwyer Teacher of Students with Disabilities certificate of eligibility with advanced standing – The Board denied her application for certification.

Erika Himstedt School Nurse – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her partial credit, i.e., for School Nursing, totaling six semester-hour credits.

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was not present at the October 23, 2014 meeting. With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous vote.

Gina Saggese Supervisor – The Board denied 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:

Jennifer A. Cornine – Ms. Cornine and her attorney, Stephen B. Hunter, 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.

Johnna J. Crawford – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Castor L. Losada – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. Purnell recusing himself, the Board voted to grant Mr. Losada's request to address the Board. Mr. Losada appeared before the Board.

Lalelei B. Kelly – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

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

Orders to Show Cause

David Clune
William Muzzio, Jr.
David Pekarek
Rose Serra
Jill Sheinbaum
Joseph Tramontana
Kalee Warnick

Revocations/Suspensions

Phillip Birnbaum
Liza Cruz-Diaz
Jennifer DeGroat (Ingerman)
Daniel Desir
Christine Cooper Hoeltzel
Jean Mary Ovide
Patricia Ruggeri-Nacer

Other

Gary Villapiano

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Charles Ferrara, Jr.
Anne Marie Ubl

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. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Michael Sico
Thomas Weir

Dr. Morana left the meeting at this time.

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

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

David B. Brown – 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.

Robert D. Cohen – 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.

Kevin Humphrey – 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.

Katherine A. Kelly – 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.

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

Nelson L. Olivo – 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.

Dennis Powers – 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.

Juan Carlos Ruiz – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Rodney L. Sheridan – 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.

Joseph E. Sherman – 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.

Yury Taylor – 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.

Cherellyn Vargas – 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.

David K. Wagner – 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.

Darryl T. Powell – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny his request for reconsideration.

Neteria Augcomfar – 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.

Gary J. Borges – 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.

Glenn Ciripompa – 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.

Charles J. Hall – 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.

Regina Miller – 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.

Mary E. Purcell – 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 her successful completion of Pretrial Intervention.

Phyllis R. Smith – 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.

Ted S. Zawacki – 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.

David Hinlicky – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificate(s).

Rachel M. Morrison – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the previous order to show cause it had issued and to issue a new 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.

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

John E. Cherubini, Jr. – 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.

David N. Scheck – 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.

Tamika Ingleton Mahone – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

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

Alexandra Amorim – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Castor L. Losada – Dr. Purnell recused himself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

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 1:12 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, January 23, 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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