

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
July 30, 2015**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Laura Morana
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Ms. Kristin Hennessy
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.

Dr. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 26, 2015, and Dr. Purnell 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:

Jennifer Fargo
Micki Halpern
Lavon Smith

Agron Bytyci, Lizanne Coyne, Jennifer Diszler and Lynderia Mansfield were not present at the meeting.

Mr. Tirri made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:01 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:05 p.m.

Dr. Morana recused herself in the Jennifer Diszler matter, and Mr. Tirri recused himself in the Lavon Smith matter. As a result, the Board did not have a quorum for consideration of those matters.

Credentials Review Consent List

Dr. McNally made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. Purnell seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the June 26, 2015 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Sabina Muller	School Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Olivia Russo	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
Susan Thompson	School Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.

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Roger Askins	Supervisor – The Board denied his application for certification.
Bryanna Durant	Teacher of Mathematics certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Jose Garay	Teacher of Mathematics certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification but granted him partial credit for nine of 21 semester-hour credits.
Harjit Kaur	Teacher of Punjabi certificate of eligibility – 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:

Mitchell S. Nock – Mr. Nock addressed the Board concerning his application for certification.

Regina Miller – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Robert Firestone – Dr. Morana recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Kaled Hardan – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Tara C. Kennelly – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Ralphiel D. Mack – By a vote of 6 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. Deputy Attorney General Caroline Jones recused herself and did not participate in this matter.

Christopher M. Martinelli – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Lolamarie O'Rourke – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter. By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and action against her certificate(s) in another state.

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. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:22 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 1:13 p.m.

Juan Miao – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend her certificate(s) for 3 months, effective August 1, 2015.

Mildred C. Spencer – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

William McMeekan – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter. By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the administrative law judge and to revoke his certificate(s).

Lynda Harris – Ms. Harris 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.

Kip Bonsignore – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter for further review.

Michael C. Glynn – By a vote of 6 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.

Phyllis D. Jackson – By a vote of 6 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 and crime.

Rolando Laguna – By a vote of 6 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.

Diana H. Park – By a vote of 6 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.

Adrienne R. Prosini – By a vote of 6 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.

Russell J. Sardella – By a vote of 6 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.

Jeff B. Simon – By a vote of 6 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.

Vinnette Richardson (Chipepo) – By a vote of 6 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.

Brian L. Miele – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the revocation order.

Richard Barnes-Bey – By a vote of 5 to 1, with Mr. Tirri opposing, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the administrative law judge and to revoke his certificate(s).

Michelle Gibbs – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the administrative law judge and to revoke her certificate(s).

Andrea H. Grannemann – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to deny her request to reserve judgment in this matter.

Elyse C. Cromwell – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Arthur N. Ernst – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Anthony T. Ruggeri – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Brett Van Fleet – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Gene Stith – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Valerie D. Walker – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

David J. Caruso – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Mitchell S. Nock – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

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. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Charles E. Cusack
Olabisi Dabiri-Okoya
Joseph Devita
Andrea L. Donio
Doretta A. Healy
Amy L. Ochetto
Daniel S. Poussart
Mary E. Purcell

Revocations

Neteria Augcomfar
William T. Muzzio, Jr.

Other

Sandra Tannen

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Tirri expressed his gratitude for the good wishes he had received on his pending retirement and for allowing him to have been a part of the Board.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Mr. Tirri 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 1:32 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, September 17, 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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