

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
January 21, 2016**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer McGruther, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Laura Morana
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Dr. Timothy Purnell

Absent: Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur

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.

Dr. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2015, and Dr. Morana seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote. Dr. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2016, and Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. With Ms. Hennessy, Dr. McGeehan and Ms. Orlak 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:

Michael Allen
Patrick Baker
Michelle Barsch
Brian Baumann

David Farrell
Jason Leonard

Stephanie Broas, Justin Fagan, Tamira Ferrer and Alissa Gerent were not present at the meeting.

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. Dauber seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the December 10, 2015 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Thomas Anderson	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Drafting and Design Technology certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
David Gunnes	Teacher of American Sign Language certificate of eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.
Daniel O’Connor	Teacher of Comprehensive Business certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Cory Piskin	Teacher of Elementary School certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Nicholas Wahrer	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Culinary Arts certificate of eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.
Jenie Vargas	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board denied her application for certification.

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Dana Nattress	Teacher of Spanish certificate of eligibility or standard certificate – The Board denied her application for certification.
Angela Smith	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:

Roman Abashkin – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause.

Brian L. Miele– By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

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 11:11 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 11:40 a.m.

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

Brendan Kenny – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to revoke his certificate(s).

Larry Markiewicz – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to revoke his certificate(s).

Ana L. Ramos – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to revoke her certificate(s).

Patricia Taliaferro – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to revoke her certificate(s).

Jimmie Warren – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to revoke his certificate(s).

Raymond F. Waters – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s) with consent pending disposition of criminal charges.

Andrea H. Grannemann – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate(s) for 2 years based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Doretta A. Healy – By a vote of 8 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.

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

Allison C. Anderson – By a vote of 8 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.

Theophilus Burroughs – By a vote of 8 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.

Ashley M. Certo – By a vote of 8 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.

John Costello – By a vote of 8 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.

Nicole L. Dufault – By a vote of 8 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.

Keith S. Lockwood – By a vote of 8 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.

Nicole L. McDonough – By a vote of 8 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.

Edward C. Meier – By a vote of 8 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.

Stanley Zdon, III – By a vote of 8 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.

Emilio J. Perez – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to him. By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to issue a new order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and misrepresentation on his application for certification.

Xavier Downs – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Angela C. D'Amico – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Joseph P. Miktus – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of his Teacher of Technical Occupations: Electronic Technology and Teacher of Industrial Arts certificates, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.12*.

Patrick N. McGwier – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Yema-Yengeh Barrie-Sandy – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted not to take official notice of a judicial decision and to affirm its previous vote to block her 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. Dauber seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

John Carlomagno
Remarno O. Chambers
Angela Dunlap-Harris
Irving D. Fryar
Michael Griggel
King J. Perry, II
Lat Sall
Michael A. Santa-Maria
Paula Weckesser

Revocations/Suspensions

Jon-Lenard George
Amy L. Ochetto
Stephen S. Sweigart

Other

William E. Beltran
Michael D. Griffin

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Christopher Baldwin
Tyler Van Pelt

Dr. Purnell made a motion that the Board adopt the following matter that was on the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal decision from a previous meeting, and Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion. With Dr. Dauber and Dr. Morana recusing themselves, the Board adopted the following order to show cause by a unanimous vote.

Franklin Gallo

Dr. Purnell made a motion that the Board adopt the following matter that was on the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal decision from a previous meeting, and Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion. With Dr. Morana recusing herself, the Board adopted the following order to show cause by a unanimous vote.

Joseph M. Ferraina

Dr. McGeehan made a motion that the Board adopt the following matter that was on the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal decision from a previous meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Jess recusing himself, the Board adopted the following order to show cause by a unanimous vote.

Lois Rotella

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. McGeehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 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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