

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
April 14, 2016**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Laura Morana
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Dr. Timothy Purnell

Absent: None

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. Purnell moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2016, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Ms. Hennessy and Dr. McGeehan 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:

Lisa Eckstrom
Wendi Kane Millard

Julie Anne Nolan
Sara Simon
Glenn Weber

Patricia Garripoli, GW Krauss and Ashley McCaffery 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 March 3, 2016 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy and Dr. McGeehan abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Adnan Brkovic	Teacher of Physical Science – The Board denied his application for certification.
Mary Dillon	School Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Ruth Quiles (2nd review)	School Library Media Specialist – The Board denied her application for certification.
Rajalakshmi Raghuraman	School Business Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.

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Mark Ferlanti	Supervisor – The Board denied his application for certification.
Carin Francisco	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.
Carolyn Grace	School Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Aracelis Ortiz	Teacher of Art – 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:

Ron S. Tuitt – Mr. Tuitt, along with his attorney, William F. Koy, Esq., and two witnesses, 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.

A motion was made to go into a brief recess, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into recess at 12:31 p.m. and returned to the public session at 12:40 p.m.

Jeff B. Simon – Mr. Simon 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. Dr. Dauber recused himself.

John Radzik – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to modify the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificate(s).

Jennifer A. Cornine – By a vote of 8 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan abstaining, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her.

Darlene Barnes – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Kelli L. Bond – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Kip Bonsignore – 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.

Steven E. Roth, Jr. – By a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter for further review.

Hilda Santos – 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 and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding settlement proposals in the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Eric Baroni*, *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Francine Cruz*, *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Olabisi Dabiri-Okoya* and *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Mawiyah Britton Reed*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:55 p.m. Ms. Johnson-Lafleur recused herself and did not participate in the Dabiri-Okoya matter. The Board returned to the public session at 1:31 p.m.

Ms. Hennessy and Dr. Morana left the meeting at this time.

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 Ms. Orlak seconded the motion. With Dr. Dauber recusing himself, the Board adopted the following order by a unanimous vote.

Order to Show Cause

Tracey R. Harding

Ms. Johnson-Lafleur left the meeting at this time.

Eric Baroni – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend his certificate(s) for 6 months.

Francine Cruz – 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 6 months.

Olabisi Dabiri-Okoya – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Mawiyah Britton Reed – 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 1 year.

King J. Perry II – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s), with consent, pending disposition of criminal charges.

Stanley Zdon, III – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s), with consent.

Randall Hunt – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Christopher Boss – 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 and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Ebrahim Haddad – 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.

Abelardo C. Romero – 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 and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Eloise Stewart – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification. 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.

Jessica Kontorowicz – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification as a teacher of driver education.

Simon Quattlebaum – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application for certification after revocation.

Erin M. Brennan – 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.

Robert S. Esnes – 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.

Nicole L. McDonough (Howell) – 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.

Lester R. Voorhees – 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.

A motion was made to add John Radzik to the legal consent list, which was duly seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. 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

Robert L. Colasuono
Tonilee Coleman
Jason R. Gangi
Joseph S. Giambri
Deborah E. Griffith
Mahmoud I. Okal
Rita O’Malley
Julio Pina-Catena
Justin R. Soccol

Revocations/Suspensions

Adrienne R. Prosini
Mary E. Purcell
John Radzik
Vinnette Richardson
Phyllis R. Smith

Other

Nicholas C. Brown
James Habel
Zachary Smithlin

Old Business

Staff distributed a revised meeting schedule for 2016-17 to the members of the Board.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins read a resolution thanking Jeffrey Lieberman for his service to the Board and conveying best wishes to him on his retirement.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, May 20, 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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