

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
May 20, 2016**

**Present:** Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary  
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General  
Dr. Jonathan Dauber  
Ms. Kristin Hennessy  
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur  
Dr. Patricia McGeehan  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak

**Absent:** Mr. Derek Jess  
Dr. Laura Morana  
Dr. Timothy Purnell

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dauber, 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 April 14, 2016, and Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote without abstention.

**Individual Credentials Review**

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

Kristin Callahan

Christina Calzaretto  
Amie Hyman  
Mary Rose Poole  
Kelly Roselle

Linda Abuhamda, Carmen Austin, Joshua Bacher, William Spain, Denise White 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 Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the April 14, 2016 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

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| Lisa Eckstrom      | Supervisor – The Board denied her application for certification.  |
| Wendi Kane Millard | Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Language Arts/Literacy CE – The Board granted her application for certification. |
| Julie Anne Nolan   | Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Social Studies – The Board granted her application for certification.            |
| Sara Simon         | School Library Media Specialist –<br>The Board granted her application for certification.   |
| Glenn Weber        | Teacher of Marketing CE – The Board granted his application for certification.  |

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| Patricia Garripoli | American Sign Language (CE) – The Board granted her application for certification.                               |
| GW Krauss          | School Social Worker – The Board granted his application for certification.                                      |
| Ashley McCafferty  | American Sign Language (standard) – The Board granted her application for certification contingent on completion |

of the second language acquisition and methodologies course.

### **Legal Committee Report**

The Legal Committee reviewed all legal cases and presented its recommendations to the Board. The Board took the following actions:

Michael J. Dougherty – Mr. Dougherty 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.

Gary J. Vitta – A motion was made by Dr. McGeehan and seconded by Dr. Dauber to adjourn the matter to a later date at the request of Mr. Vitta’s counsel. The Board adjourned the matter by unanimous vote without abstention.

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 Carlos Miranda, In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Walter Goodwin*, which was duly seconded by Ms. Desiderio Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:51 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 11:06 AM following a motion from Dr. McNally, seconded by Ms. Hennessy.

Walter Goodwin - By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause in this matter.

Carlos Miranda - By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to suspend Mr. Miranda’s certificate(s) for six (6) months.

Jeff B. Simon – Following recusal of Dr. Dauber, the matter was removed from the Agenda due to lack of quorum.

Kevin W. Arena - By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s) for a period of six (6) months.

Dr. Dauber made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding a proposed settlement, which was duly seconded by Dr. McGeehan and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:10 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 11:24 AM following a motion from Ms. Orlak, seconded by Dr. McGeehan.

Robert D. Cain - By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s).

Guy Dippolito – Following recusal of Dr. Dauber, the matter was removed from the Agenda due to lack of quorum.

Nicole L. DuFault – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate pending disposition of criminal charges.

David G. Hamm – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s) for a period of six (6) months effective immediately

Adrian A. McConney – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate pending disposition of criminal charges.

Linda Medves – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to suspend her certificate(s) for a period of six (6) months effective immediately.

Jolan Tadros – Following recusal of Dr. McGeehan, the matter was removed from the Agenda due to lack of quorum.

Steven E. Roth, Jr. – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate for a period of three (3) years effective immediately.

David A. Clune - By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge on remand and to revoke his certificate(s).

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

Isaiah T. Friday - By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, 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.

Cody J. Holody - By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, 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.

Kenyada A. Mitchell – By a vote of 5 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, 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.

Ryan Tirrell - Following recusal of Dr. Dauber, the matter was removed from the Agenda due to lack of quorum.

Nicholas J. Depue – 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.

Ryan J. Fogarty – 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.

Marc-Andrew Marucci – 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.

Cliff R. Ramsay – 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.

Ronald R. Scott – 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.

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

Order to Show Cause

Christopher Boss  
Ebrahim Haddad  
Abelardo C. Romero  
Eloise Stewart

Revocations/Suspensions

Darlene Barnes-revoke  
Kelli L. Bond – revoke  
Kip Bonsignore – revoke  
Hilda Santos – revoke

Other

Jessica Kontorowicz – block  
Eloise Stewart - block

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Secretary’s Report**

There was no report.

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Desiderio Orlak made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 in the first floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

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Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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