

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
June 23, 2016**

Present: Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Dr. Laura Morana

Absent: Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur
Dr. Patricia McGeehan

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.

Ms. Desiderio Orlak moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2016, and Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote with abstention from Mr. Jess, Dr. Purnell and Dr. Morana.

Individual Credentials Review

Jessica Ramsden attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board regarding their applications.

David Fauvell, Laura Kehoe, Dwayne Miller, Dana Orner, and Benjamin Suro 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 May 20, 2016 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote with abstentions from Dr. Purnell, Dr. Morana, and Mr. Jess.

- Kristin Callahan – Reading Specialist; The Board denied her application for certification.
- Christina Calzaretto – Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Business Finance/Economics/Law; The Board granted her application for certification.
- Amie Hyman – Teacher of Spanish; The Board denied her application for certification.
- Mary Rose Poole – Supervisor; The Board granted her application for certification.
- Kelly Roselle – School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility; The Board denied her application for certification.

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 not present at the April 14, 2016 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote with abstentions from Dr. Purnell, Dr. Morana and Mr. Jess.

- Lina Abuhamda – Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility; The Board denied her application for certification.
- Carmen Austin - Teacher of Spanish Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing; The Board denied her application for certification.
- Joshua Bacher – Teacher of Theater Certificate of Eligibility; The Board granted his application for certification.

- William Spain – Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Culinary Arts Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing; The Board denied his application for certification.
- Denise White - Student Assistance Coordinator; 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 Filo – Counsel for Ms. Filo, Paul Tyschenko, Esquire, 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.

Phyllis D. Jackson – Ms. Jackson and her counsel, Nicholas Poberezhsky, Esquire, 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.

Michael Dougherty – By a vote of 4-0, with Dr. Morana and Dr. Purnell abstaining, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Dougherty’s certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools

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

Dr. Purnell 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 Certificates of Joseph Cerneka, In the Matter of the Certificates of Pamela L. Lack, In the Matter of the Certificates of Bruce Reisman, In the Matter of the Certificates of David Van Buren*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:24 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 11:35 AM following a motion from Dr. Purnell, seconded by Dr. Dauber.

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

Pamela Lack – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter.

Bruce Reisman – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter and to revoke his certificate(s).

David Van Buren – 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 certificates for a period of six (6) months.

Joseph Devita - By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to retain the matter and proceed with a hearing following return of the matter from the Office of Administrative Law.

Randall Hunt – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the initial decision of the Office of Administrative Law, but modify the finding as to the allegation regarding the baseball comment.

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

Jolan Tadros – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Eluid Amaya – 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.

Frederick Ecke – 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.

Christina Fasanella - 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.

Mary S. Fisco - 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.

Robert Kupcha - 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.

Jason D. Mazzatenta - 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 public schools.

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

Rachel A. Wall - 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(s).

Michael D. Carattini – 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.

Robert L. Colasuono - 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.

Raymond M. Cramer - 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.

Aneesha N. Ghaly - 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.

Eddie J. Hill - 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.

Jimmie D. Smith - 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. Dauber 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. Purnell seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following order by a unanimous vote with Mr. Jess abstaining.

Order to Show Cause

Isaiah T. Friday
Cody J. Holody
Kenyada A. Mitchell

Revocations/Suspensions

Kevin W. Arena- suspend
Robert D. Cain – revoke
Nicole L. DuFault – suspend
David G. Hamm – suspend
Adrian A. McConney – suspend
Linda Medves – suspend
Steven E. Roth – suspend

Other

David A. Clune – adopt Initial Decision from OAL - revoke

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

There was no report.

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment Dr. Purnell wished to recognize Acting Chairperson Mr. Jess for his recent recognition as School Business Administrator of the year. Dr. McNally 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 11:45 a.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, July 28, 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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