

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
September 17, 2015**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer McGruther, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
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: Ms. Kristin Hennessy

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.

Deputy Attorney General Jennifer McGruther administered the oath of office to two new members of the Board, Naomi Johnson-Lafleur and Dayna Desiderio Orlak. Mr. Jess welcomed Ms. Johnson-Lafleur and Ms. Orlak to the Board.

Dr. Purnell moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of July 30, 2015, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Mr. Jess, Ms. Johnson-Lafleur 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:

Tamara Evans
Nicole Flynn
Amy Garcia

George Giousios
Lavon Smith (reconsideration)

Neysa Acosta, Jennifer Diszler (reconsideration), Susan Hickey and Thomas Joyce 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 July 30, 2015 meeting. With Ms. Johnson-Lafleur and Ms. Orlak abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Jennifer Fargo	Teacher of Consumer and Technical Education: Baking certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Micki Halpern	Speech-Language Specialist – The Board denied her application for certification.

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Agron Bytyci	Teacher of Physics certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Lizanne Coyne	Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Lynderia Mansfield	Principal certificate of eligibility – 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:

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. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:32 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:36 p.m.

Joseph Oliverie – By a vote of 7 to 1, with Mr. Jess opposing, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Lynda Harris – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur and Ms. Orlak abstaining, 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.

George E. Bolzoni (a/k/a Perez) – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s) pending disposition of criminal charges.

Danielle Brodo – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to suspend her certificate(s) for 6 months based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Radale Falana – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Robert Firestone – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Morana recusing herself and Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Peter B. Holmgren – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Ms. Johnson-Lafleur abstaining, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Banmali Banerjee – 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.

Darlene Barnes – 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.

Kelli L. Bond – 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.

Joseph Cerneka – 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.

Guy Dippolito – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Dauber and Dr. Morana recusing themselves, 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.

Michael J. Dougherty – 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 and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Larry Markiewicz – 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.

Adrian A. McConney – 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.

Alfred J. Minicozzi – 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.

Ana L. Ramos – 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.

Hilda Santos – 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 public school employment.

Alexander Spanja – 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.

Jolan Tadros – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. McGeehan recusing herself, 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.

Patricia Taliaferro – 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.

Ronald S. Tuit – 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.

Sonora A. Walters – 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.

Joshua S. Williams – 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.

Kip Bonsignore – 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.

Justin Dobish – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the administrative law judge and take no action against his certificate(s). DAG Jennifer McGruther recused herself and did not participate in this matter.

Robin L. Edgell – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Christian W. Reynolds – 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.

John A. DeLuca – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Christian Del Re – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Mark G. Eggert – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Brittany F. Morrone – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Andrianna Perez – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny her request to remove documents from the website but agreed to annotate prior minutes.

Regina Miller – 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.

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. With Ms. Johnson-Lafleur and Ms. Orlak abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Michael C. Glynn
Phyllis D. Jackson
Rolando Laguna
Diana H. Park
Adrienne R. Prosini
Yvette Richardson
Russell J. Sardella
Jeff B. Simon

Revocations

Kaled Hardan
Tara C. Kennelly
Christopher M. Martinelli

Other

Richard Barnes-Bey
David J. Caruso
Michelle Gibbs
William McMeekan
Mitchell S. Nock
Brett Van Fleet

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Revocation

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Revocation

Lolamarie O’Rourke

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary’s Report

Dr. Higgins reported that the proposed revisions to the licensing code were likely to be considered at adoption level by the State Board of Education at its November meeting.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan 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 12:57 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, October 30, 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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