

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
October 30, 2015**

Present: Ms. Jennifer McGruther, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Laura Morana
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak

Absent: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess
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. McGeehan moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2015, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. 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:

Erin Adaszczik
Ruth Quiles
Christine Takacs

Lizanne Coyne (reconsideration), Alex Guzman, Susan Hickey (reconsideration), Daniel Pillone and Samantha Vreeland 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. Orlak seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the September 17, 2015 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

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| Tamara Evans | Teacher of Health and Physical Education certificate of eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification. |
| Nicole Flynn | Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three and Teacher of Elementary School certificates of eligibility with advanced standing – The Board denied her applications for certification. |
| Amy Garcia | Teacher of American Sign Language certificate of eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification. |
| George Giousios | Teacher of American Sign Language certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Lavon Smith (reconsideration) | Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his 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 Dr. Morana seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the September 17, 2015 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

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| Neysa Acosta | School Social Worker certificate – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her partial credit for the following areas of study: Special Education and/or Learning Disabilities, Social Problems, Community Organization Agencies and Resources, and Social Policy and Public Welfare Services. |
| Jennifer Diszler (reconsideration) | School Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification. |
| Thomas Joyce | Teacher of Technology Education certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his 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 Ms. Johnson-Lafleur and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:35 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:05 p.m.

Brendan Kenny – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Ronald Klimik – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Joseph Oliverie – 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 1 year.

Mawiya Britton Reed – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Kevin Harriman – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Jon-Leonard George – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

Edward McCray, III – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate(s) based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Kevin W. Arena – 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 suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Robert D. Cain – 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.

Brian D. Fogelson – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

Franklin Gallo – Dr. Dauber and Dr. Morana recused themselves, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Michael J. Griggel – Dr. Morana recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

David G. Hamm – 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 suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Daniel Laws – 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.

Michael J. Leibowitz – 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.

Monise Princilus – 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.

Lois Rotella – Dr. Morana recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Steven E. Roth, Jr. – 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.

Tyler Van Pelt – Dr. Dauber recused himself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Paula Weckesser – Dr. Morana recused herself, and this matter was withdrawn from the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.

Brian E. Griffith – 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.

Yema-Yengeh Barrie-Sandy – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Tara P. Disturco – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block her application for certification.

Shawn X. McCray – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Daniel J. Catalano – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Joseph J. Atura – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant him the opportunity to seek further employment as a provisional teacher.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:15 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:20 p.m.

Dr. Morana 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. McNally seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Banmali Banerjee
Darlene Barnes
Kelli L. Bond
Kip Bonsignore
Joseph Cerneka
Michael J. Dougherty
Larry Markiewicz
Adrian A. McConney
Alfred A. Minicozzi
Ana L. Ramos
Hilda Santos
Alexander Spanja
Patricia Taliaferro
Ronald Tuitt
Sonora A. Walters
Joshua S. Williams

Revocations/Suspensions

George E. Bolzoni
Danielle Brodo
Radale Falana
Lynda Harris
Peter B. Holmgren
Regina Miller

Other

Christian Del Re
Justin Dobish
Mark G. Eggert
Brittany F. Morrone
Andrianna Perez

Dr. Dauber and Dr. Morana recused themselves, and Guy Dippolito was withdrawn from the legal consent list due to the lack of a quorum. Dr. Morana recused herself, and Robert Firestone was withdrawn from the legal consent list due to the lack of a quorum. Dr. McGeehan

recused herself, and Jolan Tadros was withdrawn from the legal consent list due to the lack of a quorum.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Dr. McGeehan requested that meetings not be scheduled for the end of October so that members could be available for Halloween activities in their districts.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Ms. Johnson-Lafleur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Morana and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, December 10, 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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