

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
December 10, 2015**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer McGruther, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Laura Morana
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Dr. Timothy Purnell

Absent: Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur

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. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of October 30, 2015, and Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. With Ms. Hennessy and Dr. Purnell 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:

Thomas Anderson
David Gunness
Daniel O'Connor
Cory Piskin
Nicholas Wahrer
Jenie Vargas

Dana Nattress and Angela Smith 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 October 30, 2015 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy, Mr. Jess and Dr. Purnell abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

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| Erin Adaszczik | Teacher of Consumer and Technical Education: Culinary Arts Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Ruth Quiles | School Library Media Specialist – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credit for Children’s Literature or Young Adult Literature and Application of Learning Theory to Reading, Listening and Viewing Library Media Resources. |
| Christine Takacs | School Counselor – The Board denied her application for certification but granted her credits for coursework in Counseling and Interview Techniques and Theory and Procedure in Individual and Group Counseling based on her experience. The Board also granted credit for Career Counseling and Testing Evaluation based on her submission of an official transcript verifying successful completion of courses. |

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 not present at the October 30, 2015 meeting. With Ms. Hennessy, Mr. Jess and Dr. Purnell abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

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| Lizanne Coyne | Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board granted her request to reconsider her experience in fulfillment of the internship requirement and granted her credit for the 300-hour internship. |
| Alex Guzman | School Administrator certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Susan Hickey | School Counselor – Upon reconsideration, the Board granted her application for certification. |
| Daniel Pillone | Teacher of Mathematics certificate of eligibility with |

advanced standing – The Board denied his application for certification.

Samantha Vreeland

Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three 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:

Roman Abashkin – Mr. Abashkin 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.

Brian L. Miele – The Board tabled this matter.

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 11:06 a.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:00 p.m.

Lee Brockington – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Mr. Jess and Dr. Morana recusing themselves, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement proposal and consent order in this matter and to suspend his certificate(s) for 18 months.

Jacqueline J. Lewis – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her.

Mildred C. Spencer – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement proposal and consent order in this matter and to suspend her certificate(s) for 2 years.

Amy L. Ochetto – 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.

Stephen S. Sweigart – By a vote of 8 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.

Jon-Lenard George – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate(s) for 6 months based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Christopher Baldwin – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. Dauber recusing himself, 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.

John Carlomagno – 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.

Angela Dunlap-Harris – 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 M. Ferraina – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. Morana recusing herself, 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.

Irving D. Fryar – 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 his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Ms. Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:07 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:09 p.m. By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to amend its previous vote and to issue an order to show cause to Irving D. Fryar 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.

Franklin Gallo – 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.

Michael J. Griggel – 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.

King J. Perry, II – 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.

Lois Rotella – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Mr. Jess recusing himself, 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.

Lat Sall – 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.

Michael A. Santa-Maria – 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.

Tyler Van Pelt – By a vote of 7 to 0, with Dr. Dauber recusing himself, 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.

Paula Weckesser – 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.

Remarno O. Chambers – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to him as to why his certificate(s) should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges. Then, 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.

Phyllis R. Smith – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted not to retransmit this matter to the Office of Administrative Law.

Michael C. Glynn – 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.

Elizabeth H. Hansbury – 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.

Daniel S. Poussart – 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.

Russell J. Sardella – 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.

Kimberly A. Baer – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted not to take any action to block her application for certification.

Michael D. Griffin – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

William E. Beltran – By a vote of 8 to 0, the Board voted to deny his request for reconsideration.

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. Hennessy, Mr. Jess and Dr. Purnell abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Kevin W. Arena
Robert D. Cain
David G. Hamm
Daniel Laws
Michael J. Leibowitz
Monise Princilus
Steven E. Roth, Jr.

Revocations

Kevin Harriman
Edward McCray, III

Other

Daniel J. Catalano
Tara DiSturco

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Order to Show Cause

Guy Dippolito

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Revocation

Robert Firestone

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 Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. With Dr. McGeehan recusing herself, the Board adopted the following order by a unanimous vote.

Order to Show Cause

Jolan Tadros

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Jess congratulated Dr. Purnell for being named the nation's top college professor for the 2014-15 academic year by RateMyProfessors.com.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that he would be sending the members a link to the recent amendments to the licensing code.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan 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 12:23 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, January 21, 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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