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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
April 6, 2017**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Kristen Ludman
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Eileen Johnson

Absent: Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur
Dr. Richard Stepura
Assistant Commissioner

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 March 3, 2017, and Ms. Kristen Ludman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote, with Dr. Purnell and Ms. Desiderio Orlak abstaining.

Individual Credentials Review

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

- Joshua Brooks
- Alissa Gerent
- Patricia McKeon
- Patricia McRae
- Jenny Neuhoff
- Mark Schrobach

The Board had a question for Ms. Gerent regarding her current job duties and the difference between a reading teacher and a reading specialist. The Board had questions for the other applicants.

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. Ludman seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the March 3, 2017 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote, with Ms. Desiderio Orlak and Dr. Purnell abstaining.

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| Jin Young Lee | Teacher of Korean Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board denied her application for certifications. |
| Carlos Navas | Student Assistance Coordinator Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Melissa Pino | School Counselor - The Board denied her application for certification. However, the Board granted three master level semester-hour credits in Sociological Foundations. |
| Katie Rocci | Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Olga Rogachevskaya Chu | Teacher of Art Certificate of Eligibility - The Board granted her application for certification. |
| Helen Snowden | Removed due to recusal by Dr. McNally. |

Dr. McNally made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Ludman seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the March 3, 2017 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote, with Ms. Desiderio Orlak and Dr. Purnell abstaining

Barbara Harford	School Counselor - The Board denied her application for certification.
Jennifer Maioriello	Teacher of Family and Consumer Science: Child and Family Development Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application for certification.
Amanda McGreggor	Educational Interpreter – Sign Language - The Board denied her application for certification.

Legal Committee Report

There were two (2) hearings scheduled and both hearings were heard.

Luke V. Bakula – Mr. Bakula, along with his attorney Peter Till, Esquire, appeared before the Board for a hearing on a suspension pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges. Following the hearing, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Kimberlynn Jurkowski – Ms. Jurkowski, along with her attorney Wesley Fenza, 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.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding Board procedures as well as the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Rolando Laguna*, and *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Luanne Macri*, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:54 a.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:13 p.m. following a motion by Dr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. Desiderio Orlak, and carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board took the following action with regarding to items on the Consent Order portion of the agenda:

Dr. Purnell made a motion to reject the proposed Consent Order in the matter of Rolando Laguna, seconded by Ms. Ludman, and approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to reject the proposed Consent Order in the matter of Luanne Macri, seconded by Ms. Ludman, and approved by a unanimous vote.

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

Michael Martino –By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an order of suspension of Mr. Martino’s teaching certificate(s) pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Patrick J. Aiello – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Susan Bechelli – By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Rosa M. Conenna – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Andrea Consales –By a vote of 6-0, 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 employment in public schools.

Francis Costello – By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Joseph D’Alessio – By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Stephen Harnischfeger – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Makeda A. Kemit – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Robert Klein – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Reginald Lawrence – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in public schools.

Pedro Lopez Cruz – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to take no action in this matter.

Adrian McConney – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to vacate the order of suspension previously issued to Mr. McConney. The Board then voted 6-0 to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Kevin Pronovost – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Cesar I. Sabino – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Roger Schneider – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Nicole M. Shenko - By a vote of 6-0, 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 employment in public schools.

Rebecca M. Smith – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to take no action.

Matthew T. Stella - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Nadine S. Sudlow - By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Dorvid Y. Durant – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to vacated the order to show cause previously issued in this matter.

Lisa D. Whitaker McGee - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to vacated the order to show cause previously issued in this matter.

Cody Holody – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to retain the matter following return of the case from the Office of Administrative Law as a result of Mr. Holody’s failure to appear.

Robert J. Carter – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision issued by the Office of Administrative Law in this matter.

Brian D. Fogelson – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Fogelson pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Joseph T. Schnick - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to take no action to block Mr. Schnick’s application.

D’Shawn M. Haines - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Adam L. Mayr - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Maria Patamia - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Ludman made a motion that the Board adopt the following matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal decision from a previous meeting, with Ms. Johnson seconding the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote, with Ms. Desiderio Orlak and Dr. Purnell abstaining. Item x was removed due to lack of a quorum.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Bryan Caputo
- b. Rochelle R. Caraway
- c. James Gardner
- d. Meg Geisser
- e. Lucia Gomez-Jimenez
- f. Sheila Kairu (Kibinge)
- g. Troy R. Leonard
- h. Andrew R. Pron
- i. David C. Raffo
- j. Alex Ramadanis
- k. Michael P. Ryan
- l. Gnanaseharan Selliah
- m. Nadine A. Wright

Revocations/Suspensions

- n. Christopher Boss-revoke
- o. Frederick Ecke-revoke
- p. Jason D. Mazzatenta-revoke
- q. Rachel Wall-revoke
- r. Paula Weckesser-suspend

Other

- s. Amin K. Hussain-El-block
- t. Shaniqua Hutchinson-block
- u. Charles J. Jeffrey-block
- v. David C. Raffo-block
- w. Gnanaseharan Selliah-block

Matters with Board Member Recusals (removed due to lack of quorum)

- x. Dennis DeMarino-OSC-Derek Jess recusal

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins advised the Board regarding the status of code modifications. Ms. Zuberger provided copies of the 2017-2018 meeting calendar.

Adjournment

Ms. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Ludman 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 Friday, May 12, 2017 in the first floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Kimberly A. Gatti

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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