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**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
May 12, 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  
Dr. Jonathan Dauber  
Ms. Naomi Johnson-LaFleur  
Dr. Richard Stepura

**Absent:** 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.

Deputy Attorney General Caroline Jones administered the oath of office to the new member of the Board, Ms. Fidelia Sturdivant. Mr. Jess welcomed Ms. Sturdivant to the Board.

Dr. Purnell moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2017, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote, with Dr. Dauber, Dr. Stepura, and Ms. Sturdivant abstaining.

## **Individual Credentials Review**

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

Cheryl Coy  
Catherine Gardner  
Michael Rightmire

## **Credentials Review Consent List**

Dr. McNally made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the matters on the agenda marked B-G. This motion was seconded by Ms. Desiderio Orlak and unanimously approved by the Board with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining.

Ms. Desiderio then made a motion to approve the decision in the following matter for which the candidate was not present at the March 3, 2017 meeting. The matter was withdrawn from the April 6, 2017 Consent List due to a lack of a quorum. The motion was seconded by Dr. Purnell and unanimously approved by the Board, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining and Dr. McNally recusing.

Helen Snowden	School Library Media Specialist - The Board denied her application for certification.
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Due to an error in the numbering on the agenda, it was determined that in the first vote above for items B-G inadvertently included the Helen Snowden matter and excluded the Mark Schrobach matter. Accordingly, Dr. McNally moved to amend the prior vote to exclude the Helen Snowden decision, and include the following matters on the credentials review consent list. With Mr. Jess seconding the motion and Dr. Stepura, Dr. Dauber, and Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote. The candidates in the following cases were present at the April 6, 2017 meeting.

Joshua Brooks	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board denied his application for certifications.
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Alissa Gerent	Reading Specialist - The Board denied her application for certification. However, the Board granted credit for the practicum requirement.
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Patricia McKeon	Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application for certification.
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Patricia McRae	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application for certification.
Jenny Neuhoff	Teacher of Theater - The Board denied her application for certification. However, the Board granted three semester-hour credits in theater.
Mark Schroback	Teacher of Health and Physical Education Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied his application for certifications.

### **Legal Committee Report**

There were no in person hearings scheduled. The Board addressed hearings on the papers as follows:

John Q. Angeline – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Angeline pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Lauren Coyle-Mitchell - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Coyle-Mitchell pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Elisha R. Harris – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Harris’ certificate(s) based upon level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in public schools.

Rebecca Jacob – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Jacob’s certificate(s) based upon level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in public schools.

Joseph T. Mahon - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Mahon’s certificate(s) for two (2) years based upon level and nature of the conduct.

Joseph P. Wilson - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Wilson’s certificate(s) based upon level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in public schools.

There were two (2) cases on second review following in person hearings held on April 6, 2017. The Board voted as follows:

Luke V. Bakula – By a vote of 6-0, with Dr. Stepura, Dr. Dauber, Ms. Johnson-Johnson-LaFleur, and Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Bakula pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Kimberlynn Jurkowski – By a vote of 6-0, with Dr. Stepura, Dr. Dauber, Ms. Johnson-Johnson-LaFleur, and Ms. Sturdivant, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Jurkowski for three (3) years based upon the level and nature of her conduct.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Maria Azzaro*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:22 p.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:30 p.m. following a motion by Dr. Purnell, seconded by Dr. Dauber, 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 Maria Azzaro, seconded by Ms. Ludman. With Ms. Johnson Johnson-LaFleur recusing and Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the motion was approved by 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:

John Bednarz, Jr. –By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Alyssa Ciarrocchi – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Sharon H. Gonzalez – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Stephen (Chester) Ingraham – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to take no action.

Jernee Kollock - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Craig J. Kunker - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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 action on his out of state license.

Robin M. Lockery - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be suspended based on the level and nature of the conduct and action on her out of state license.

Liana Macedo - By a vote of 7-0, with Ms. Sturdivant, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Johnson-LaFleur abstaining, 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.

John P. McCabe - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Lisa D. Whitaker-McGee - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to take no action.

Edward C. Meier - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter, vacate the prior Order of Suspension and 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.

Mary Morris - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Kristin P. Norris - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Bina N. Reewari - By a vote of 8-0, with Ms. Sturdivant and Ms. Johnson Johnson-LaFleur abstaining, 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.

Jean St. Fort - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Frank Vergara - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Ricardo Walker - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to take no action.

Constance Wiley - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, 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.

Cesar I. Sabino – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to vacate the April 6, 2017 vote and 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.

Edward Clarke - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Clarke's teaching certificates pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Narcissa K. Zuber – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to vacate the Order of Suspension previously issued in this matter.

Gregory Stull - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to retain this matter following return from the Office of Administrative Law as a result of failure to appear.

Anette Guagliardo - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to deny the application for certification after revocation.

Pedro Aragon - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to take no action to block Mr. Aragon's application.

Cathie Bedosky - By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Edmund J. Harman - By a vote of 10-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Eric M. Strand – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Jeffrey Tagliareni – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Neal E. Ziskind – By a vote of 9-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Guy Dippolito – By a vote of 8-0, with Ms. Sturdivant abstaining and Dr. Dauber recusing, the Board voted to add this matter to the agenda, to vacate the prior decision as written and adopt a modified written decision.

### **Legal Consent List**

Dr. Dauber 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. Desiderio Orlak seconding the motion and Dr. Stepura and Ms. Sturdivant abstaining, the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote:

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Patrick J. Aiello
- b. Susan Bechelli
- c. Rosa M. Conenna
- d. Andrea Consales
- e. Francis Costello
- f. Joseph D'Alessio
- g. Stephen Harnischfeger
- h. Makeda A. Kemit
- i. Robert Klein
- j. Reginald Lawrence
- k. Adrian McConney
- l. Kevin Pronovost
- m. Roger Schneider
- n. Nicole M. Shenko
- o. Matthew T. Stella
- p. Nadine S. Sudlow

Revocations/Suspensions

- q. Michael Martino-suspend

Other

- r. Robert J. Carter – adopt initial decision from OAL - revoke

Matters with Board Member Recusals (Mr. Jess recusing)

- s. Dennis DeMarino-OSC-Derek Jess recusal

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Secretary's Report**

Dr. Higgins advised the Board regarding the status of the system upgrades to the TCIS system.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Johnson-LaFleur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Desiderio Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, June 15, 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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