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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
June 15, 2017**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer MacGruther, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Eileen Johnson
Ms. Fidelia Sturdivant

Absent: Ms. Kristen Ludman
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 May 12, 2017, and Dr. Dauber 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:

Yackeline Gutierrez-Torres
Robin Knutelsky

The Board had no questions for either applicant.

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. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the May 12, 2017 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Cheryl Coy	Scholl Administrator Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application for certifications.
Catherine Gardner	Teacher of Technology Education - The Board denied her application for certification. However, the Board granted partial credit for three semester-hour credits in Energy Power and Technology
Michael Rightmire	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 Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the May 12, 2017 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Donna Farrell	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application for certification.
Magda Garcia	Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board denied her application for certification.
Pamela Goodman	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Graphic Design - The Board denied her application for certification.
Meghan Hoffmann	Teacher of Art Certificate of Eligibility. - The Board denied her application for certification. However, the Board granted three semester-hour credits (non-advanced

Legal Committee Report

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

James P. Lang – Mr. Lang appeared before the Board for a hearing on the issue of sanction.

Following the hearing, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Jason L. Sanders – Mr. Sanders 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.

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

Dr. Purnell made a motion to accept the proposed Consent Order in the matter of Lee Kornhauser, seconded by Ms. Johnson-LaFleur, and 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:

Donald DeWitt –By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. DeWitt’s certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in public schools.

Brian L. Hurff – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Hurff’s certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in public schools.

Nicholas J. Kita – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Christopher D. Kuhn – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Kuhn’s certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in public schools.

Lisa A. Sivillo –By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the modified relinquishment affidavit and address the matter as a hearing on the papers. The Board then voted to revoke Ms. Sivillo’s certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Patrick Algieri – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Jeffrey D. Deverin – By a vote of 8-0, 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 and crime and his disqualification from employment in public schools.

Freddie L. Henry – By a vote of 8-0, 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 and crime and his disqualification from employment in public schools.

Matthew Hoffman – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Robert E. Mays – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

William C. Posselt – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Anthony S. Quartarolo – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Dennis R. Thomas – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Eloise Stewart – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to issue adopt the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law.

Dennis DeMarino – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

James Gardner – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Jane M. Chavez – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to take no action.

Isaiah Young - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to block Mr. Young's application for certification.

Michael D. Griffin – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to lift the block previously placed upon Mr. Griffin's prior application and grant him leave to apply for certification.

Matthew Famularo – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to take no action.

Nicholas Spiniello – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to block Mr. Spiniello's application for Driver's Education certification.

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

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

Joshua A. Mohlmann – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Johnson-LaFleur 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.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. John Bednarz, Jr.
- b. Alyssa Ciarrocchi
- c. Sharon H. Gonzalez
- d. Jernee Kollock
- e. Craig J. Kunker
- f. Robin M. Lockery
- g. Liana Macedo
- h. John P. McCabe
- i. Edward C. Meier
- j. Mary Morris
- k. Kristin P. Norris
- l. Bina N. Rewari
- m. Cesar I. Sabino
- n. Jean St. Fort
- o. Frank Vergara
- p. Constance Wiley
- q. Narcissa K. Zuber

Revocations/Suspensions

- r. John Q. Angeline-suspend pending
- s. Luke V. Bakula-suspend pending
- t. Lauren Coyle-Mitchell-suspend pending
- u. Elisha R. Harris-revoke
- v. Rebecca Jacob-revoke
- w. Kimberlynn Jurkowski-suspend
- x. Joseph T. Mahon-suspend
- y. Joseph P. Wilson-revoke

Other

- z. Anette Guagliardo-deny certification after revocation

Resolution Honoring Dr. Purnell

Mr. Jess read a resolution honoring the service of Dr. Purnell which was seconded by Dr. Dauber and approved unanimously.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Secretary's Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Johnson-LaFleur and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, July 27, 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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