

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
November 1, 2016**

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

Absent: Ms. Kristin Hennessy

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 September 16, 2016, and Ms. Johnson-Lafleur seconded the motion. With 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:

Erin Adaszik
Marie Gagliano
Jennifer Jarmark
Michael McCoach

Askia Nash
Lina Scarpa
Benjamin Suro

Schurr Little, Lina Scarpa, and Cynthia Rios 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 September 16, 2016 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

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| Gabrielle Burgo | Teacher Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board denied her application for certification. |
| David Greene | Teacher of Elementary School and Teacher of Students with Disabilities - The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Lauren Spooner | Principal Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Vicki Jenkins | Teacher of Dance - The Board granted her application for certification. |

With Dr. McNally recusing, Ms. Desiderio Orlak made a motion to that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decision by unanimous vote.

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| Erin Gorski | Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board denied her application for certification. |
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| Romidel Conde | Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board denied her application for certification. |
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Christina Evans	Teacher of American Sign Language Certificate of Eligibility - The Board granted her application for certification.
Alicia Lassiter Glikas	School Counselor - The Board denied her application for certification, but granted her partial credit for study of Counseling/Interview Techniques.
Joseph Linhares	Teacher of Engineering Technology - The Board denied his application for certification.
Kashon Burden-Abdul Qadir	Principal Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied his application for certification.

With Dr. McNally recusing, Ms. Desiderio Orlak made a motion to that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decision by unanimous vote.

Trisha Fagan	School Library Media Specialist - The Board denied her application for certification.
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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, and Ms. Johnson-LaFleur seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

John Q. Angeline
Bruce Aristeo
Luke Bakula
Joseph Benevuto
Lauren Coyle-Mitchell
Sharon Gonzalez
Richard Howell
Michael Martino
Adam Mayr
Navneet Sachar
Ryan Tirrell
Barbara Williams

Revocations/Suspensions

Allison Anderson
Ashley Certo

Remarno Chambers

Other

Tina Fulmore
Jordann Lamont Smith
Shawn Sochaski-adopt Initial Decision from OAL
Conrad R. Williams

With Ms. Johnson-Lafleur recusing, Dr. Dauber made a motion for the Board to adopt the Initial Decision from the OAL in the matter below. Dr. McNally seconded the motion, and with Dr. Purnell abstaining, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

David M. Pekarek

With Dr. Dauber recusing, Ms. Johnson-Lafleur made a motion for the Board to adopt the decisions in the matters below. Dr. McNally seconded the motion, and with Dr. Purnell abstaining, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Jeff Simon
Tyler VanPelt

Legal Committee Report

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

Franklin Gallo – By a vote of 5-0, with Dr. Dauber recusing, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause in this matter.

Lat Sall – Mr. Sall, along with his attorney, Edward Cridge, Esq., 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.

Paula Weckesser – the hearing scheduled in this matter was adjourned for another date due to Ms. Weckesser’s illness

Tonilee Coleman – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Coleman’s certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in public schools.

Guy Dippolito – This matter was adjourned to another date.

James Habel – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Habel’s certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in public schools.

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 Ronald Tuitt*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:43 a.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:03 p.m. following a motion by Dr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. Desiderio Orlak, and carried by a unanimous vote.

Ronald Tuitt - By a vote of 4-2, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Tuitt for a period of three (3) months based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding settlement proposals in the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Banmali Banerjee*, *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Annmarie Guenther*, *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Kenneth Hall*, and *In the Matter of the Certificate(s) of Christi Pemberton*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:04 p.m.

Mr. Jess left the meeting at 12:05 during executive session. By motion of Dr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. Desiderio Orlak, the Board voted to return to open session at 12:38 pm. By motion of Dr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Lafleur, the Board took action upon the following:

Banmali Banerjee – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Annmarie Geunther – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Kenneth Hall – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to amend the agenda to include this matter, and then by a vote of 5 to 0 voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Christi Pemberton - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to amend the agenda to include this matter, and then by a vote of 5 to 0 voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause in this matter.

Donald Dewitt - By a vote of 5-0, 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.

Dorvid Y. Durant - By a vote of 5-0, 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.

Michael D. Fleming – this case was removed from the agenda.

Brian D. Fogelson - By a vote of 5 to 0 the Board voted to suspend Mr. Fogelson's certificate(s) pending resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

John Hackney – By a vote of 5 to 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.

Edmund Harman - By a vote of 5 to 0 the Board voted to suspend Mr. Harman's certificate(s) pending resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Elisha R. Harris - By a vote of 5-0, 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.

Rebecca Jacob - By a vote of 5-0, 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 the public schools.

Nicholas Kita - By a vote of 5 to 0 the Board voted to suspend Mr. Kita's certificate(s) pending resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Jenye Knox - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Lee Kornhauser - By a vote of 5 to 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 the action on out of state license.

Lisa D. Whitaker McGee - By a vote of 5 to 0 the Board voted to suspend Ms. Whitaker McGee's certificate(s) pending resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Julia Pina-Catena - By a vote of 5 to 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.

Jinwoo Seong - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoke based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Eric M. Strand - By a vote of 5 to 0 the Board voted to suspend Mr. Strand's certificate(s) pending resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Gregory J. Stull - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoke based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Joseph P. Wilson - By a vote of 5-0, 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.

Neal E. Ziskind - By a vote of 5 to 0 the Board voted to suspend Mr. Ziskind's certificate(s) pending resolution of the underlying criminal charges.

Michael A. Santa-Maria – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause previously issued to Mr. Santa-Maria.

Phyllis D. Jackson – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the September 16, 2016 vote and then to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued to Ms. Jackson.

Jason B. Fennes – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Mary Sue Fisco – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

King J. Perry, II – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Nicholas K. Schumacher - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Kerry Heck – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to block Ms. Heck's application.

Kaitlyn Zarrilli – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block Ms. Zarrilli's application.

Shaniqua Hutchinson - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block Ms. Hutchinson's application.

Stephen E. Marcinowski - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block Mr. Marcinowski's application.

Daniel Reilly - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block Mr. Reilly's application.

Sarah Grumet Rodriguez - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block Ms. Rodriguez' application.

Douglas Scruggs - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block Mr. Scrugg's application.

Kyle Weedon - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to block Mr. Weedon's application.

LeCounte Teele - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block Mr. Teele's application.

Sameria O'Neill - By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to allow Ms. O'Neill to apply for certification after revocation.

David K. Wagner – By a vote of 5 to 0, the Board voted to deny Mr. Wagner's motion for leave to respond.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that funds have been made available to assist in the rebuilding of the software system.

Adjournment

Ms. Johnson-Lafleur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, December 9, 2016 in the first floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

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Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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