

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
January 19, 2018**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Assistant Commissioner Robert Bumpus
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Kristen Ludman
Ms. Fidelia Sturdivant (left at 12:06 pm)
Mr. Derek Jess (left at 12:06 pm)
Ms. Eileen Johnson
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur

Absent: None

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.

Ms. Desiderio Orlak moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2017, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote, with Assistant Commissioner Robert Bumpus abstaining.

Individual Credentials Review

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

Scott Cop
Chalyce Glover
Lorrie Hunter

Jonathan Leef
Jessica Shoja
Joseph Varano

The Board had a question for Mr. Leef regarding his SAT scores. Mr. John Lade was not present. Heba Abdo's matter was removed from the agenda.

Credentials Review Consent List

Dr. McNally made a motion to adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote, with Assistant Commissioner Bumpus recusing.

The candidates in the following cases were present at the December 8, 2017 meeting.

Melissa Pino	School Counselor- The Board denied her application for certification, but gave credit for all deficiencies except three graduate semester-hour credits of a practicum in a school setting and evidence of completion of a Testing and Evaluation course.
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Amanda Thistle-Natalie	Supervisor - The Board denied her application for certification.
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The candidates in the following cases was not present at the December 8, 2017 meeting.

Betul Acikgoz	Teacher of Turkish Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board granted her applications for certification.
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Lizanne Coyne	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application for certification.
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Adam Fitzgibbons	Teacher of Physical Education – The Board tabled its decision until a future meeting.
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Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing scheduled in *The Matter of the Certificates of Rosa M. Conenna*. Ms. Conenna appeared with her counsel and a hearing was held.

Following Ms. Conenna's hearing, Dr. Dauber made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding matters on the Consent Order portion of the agenda,

which was duly seconded by Ms. Johnson-Lafleur and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:46 a.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:06 p.m. following a motion by Dr. Dauber, seconded by Ms. Johnson Lafleur, and carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon returning to public session, at 12:06 p.m., Mr. Jess and Ms. Sturdivant left the meeting due to other commitments.

By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause previously issued to Ms. Rosa Conenna.

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

Kimberly Charnuska – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Tracey R. Harding – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Kevin Pronovost – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

Jonathan H. Jasinski. – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Roger A. Schneider - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Meg Geisser - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Geisser's certificates for a period of two (2) years based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Vincent Ajayi – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Ajayi's certificates for a period of eighteen (18) months based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Paul Blass, Jr. – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Karen A. Bobb – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and also 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 public school employment.

Donna DeMarco – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Dianne E. Ellis – By a vote of 7-0, 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 and action against out of state license.

Lesley A. Etheridge – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Adam J. Farrington – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause for suspension pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Francis J. Flood - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Kevin M. Jarrett – By a vote of 6-0, with Ms. Johnson recusing, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and 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.

Lynderia Mansfield – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Arthur Melton - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to Mr. Teel based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against his out of state license.

Dominick F. Novella – By a vote of 7-0, 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 disqualification from public school employment.

Kiaya Rickard-Urban – By a vote of 7-0, 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 and action against her out of state license.

Raymond J. Rotella – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Kara V. Salvatoriello – By a vote of 7-0, 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 and crime.

William C. Posselt – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Dennis M. DeMarino – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to vacate the previously issued Order to Show Cause. Then, by a vote of 7-0, 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.

James Gardner - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to vacate the previously issued Order to Show Cause.

Andrea Giuffrida – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law but modify it as to penalty.

Rebecca Gramling – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to correct the previously issued Order to Show Cause to include the proper certificate(s) and the charge/conviction against Ms. Gramling.

Margo S. Ardan - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block Ms. Ardan’s application for a teaching certificate.

Brian C. Hicks - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block Mr. Hicks’ application for a teaching certificate.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Desiderio Orlak 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 Lafleur seconding the motion and Assistant Commissioner Bumpus abstaining. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote:

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Mark V. Amatucci
- b. Shaun M. Brauer
- c. Sherry D. Frazier
- d. Dawn Karpinski
- e. Patrick F. Lynch
- f. Sharon M. Malzberg
- g. Jennifer Pechko
- h. Elizabeth Sheehy
- i. Darius Teel
- j. Thomas D. Williams
- k. Carol Willshire

Revocations/Suspensions

- l. Andrea Consales - revoke
- m. Stephen Schweizer - suspend
- n. Nadine Sudlow - revoke

Other

- o. David G. Lo – block
- p. Nadira Raghunandan – block
- q. Ning Chi – OSC – Derek Jess recusal not necessary as he left the meeting at 12:06 pm.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Dr. Higgins discussed a new bill on school safety officials.

Secretary's Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Johnson Lafleur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally 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 Thursday, March 1, 2018 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