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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
November 1, 2017**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Eileen Johnson
Ms. Kristen Ludman
Dr. Richard Stepura
Ms. Fidelia Sturdivant

Absent: Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur
Assistant Commissioner

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dauber, Acting Chairperson, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Dr. Stepura moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2017, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The minutes were then 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:

Andrew Chan

Michelle Solino

The Board had no questions for either of the applicants. Mr. Michael Greenman, and Ms. Amy Policelli were not present.

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 September 15, 2017 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

William Grillo	Supervisor- The Board denied his application for certification.
Tabitha Hertz	Principal Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application for certification.
Mary Hynes	Reading Specialist - The Board granted her application for certification.
Jacqueline West	School Social Worker - The Board granted credit for Introduction to Social Case Work study.
Aaryenne White	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Science - The Board granted her application for certification.

The candidates in the following case was not present at the September 15, 2017 meeting.

Martha Bradley	Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board denied her application for certification.
Tyberiusz Skarzynski	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Audio Visual Broadcast Technology - The Board denied his application for certification.

Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing scheduled.

Vinceny Ajayi – Mr. Ajayi, along with his attorney Joseph Fusella, Esquire, appeared before the Board for a hearing on whether the Board should take action against his certificates. Following the hearing, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Dr. Stepura 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 Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:45 a.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:32 p.m. following a motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Stepura, and carried by a unanimous vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Justin Soccol – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject 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:

Bethany A. Ettore – 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.

Gabrielle Gregory - 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.

Ginamarie Yacovelli - 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.

Bryan Caputo –By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Caputo’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Chong-Hwa Chang – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Chang’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Craig James Kunker – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Kunker’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of his conduct and action against out of state license.

Reginald Lawrence – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Lawrence’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of his conduct and crime and his disqualification from public school employment.

Nicole M. Shenko – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Shenko’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of her conduct and crime and her forfeiture of her right to public employment.

Matthew T. Stella – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Stella’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of his conduct and crime and his disqualification from public school employment.

Jean St. Fort - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. St. Fort’s certificates for a period of six (6) months based upon the level and nature of his conduct.

Nicholas Anagnostos - 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.

Annmarie Ballentine (Haubold) – 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 and crime, and action against out of state license.

Shawn D. Cier – 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 on the level and nature of the conduct.

Imelda P. Delvecchio – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to Show Cause as to why her teaching certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out of state license.

Dawn M. Fidanza – 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.

Karen B. Gruen – By a vote of 7-0 the Board voted to seal the record in this case and 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.

Gary P. Gullone - 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 on the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license.

Francis Hiller, Jr. - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Anthony R. Lentine, Jr. – 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.

Gary A. Long - 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.

Angelo Romaniello, Jr. – By a vote of 7-0, 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 action against out of state license.

Jeffrey P. Zeltt – 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 action against out of state license.

Roger A. Schneider – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Schneider pending the outcome of the underlying criminal proceeding.

Jennifer Filo - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to vacate the September 15, 2017 vote in order to consider the exceptions and replies subsequently filed in this matter. The Board then voted 7-0 to adopt the initial decision issued by the Office of Administrative law in this matter.

Shellie Mackson – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the decision with modification as to the penalty. The Board voted to order a 2 year suspension.

Marion J. Ash-Braswell – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block Ms. Ash-Braswell’s application for a supervisor certificate.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Johnson 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. Ludman seconding the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Brian R. Budd
- b. Richard Chambers
- c. Laurence DeWeever
- d. Leo A. Donaldson

- e. Rebecca Gramling
- f. Christopher J. Hutton
- g. Zachary Naszimento
- h. Christie L. Nicholson
- i. Clinton Ogden
- j. Jennifer Rome
- k. Jill Sheinbaum
- l. Janeen Thomas
- m. Stephen L. Townsend
- n. George P. Turner

Revocations/Suspensions

- o. Lucia Gomez-Jimenez – revoke
- p. Andrew R. Pron –revoke

Other

- q. Monica V. Gamble – block
- r. Terri Ann Sullivan – block

Matters with Board Member Recusals

- s. Luna Mishoe – OSC – Fidelia Sturdivant recused on the vote

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Secretary’s Report

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Sturdivant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Stepura and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, December 8, 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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