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**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
December 8, 2017**

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

**Absent:** Ms. Eileen Johnson  
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur  
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. Stepura moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2017, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote, with Mr. Jess abstaining.

**Individual Credentials Review**

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

Melissa Pino  
Amanda Thistle-Natalie

The Board had no questions for either applicant. Betul Acikgoz, Lizanne Coyne, and Adam M. Fitzgibbons were not present. Daniel Ferlisi's matter was removed from the agenda.

### **Credentials Review Consent List**

Dr. McNally made a motion that the Board amend the consent list and to 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 November 1, 2017 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote, with Mr. Jess recusing.

The candidates in the following cases were present at the November 1, 2017 meeting.

Andrew Chan	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate of Eligibility- The Board denied his application for certification.
Michelle Solino	School Counselor - The Board denied her application for certification, but gave her partial credit for three graduate semester-hour credits in Counseling and Interviewing Techniques.

The candidates in the following cases was not present at the November 1, 2017 meeting.

Michael Greenman	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Audio-Visual Broadcast Production and Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Graphic Design - The Board denied his applications for certification.
Amy Policelli	Teacher of American Sign Language Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board denied her application for certification, but gave her credit for 12 semester-hour credits in American Sign Language at the advanced level.

The candidate in the following case was added to the Consent List agenda as an amendment.

Alissa Gerent	Reading Specialist – The Board granted her application for certification.
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### **Legal Committee Report**

There was one hearing scheduled in *The Matter of the Certificates of Nadine Sudlow*. Ms. Sudlow did not appear. Accordingly, Dr. Dauber made a motion to revoke Ms. Sudlow's

certificates based upon conduct and action against out of state licenses. Ms. Ludman seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

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 Dr. Stepura and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:06 a.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:50 a.m. following a motion by Dr. Dauber, seconded by Ms. Ludman, and carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Michael J. Griggel – 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.

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

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

David C. Raffo - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Justin R. Soccol – 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:

John Bednarz, Jr. – 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.

Stephen B. Gifford - 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.

William J. Jacobs - 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.

David H. Light - 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.

Robin M. Lockery - 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.

Nataly Lopez - 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.

Philip Riveley – 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.

Andrea Consales - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Consales' certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in public schools.

Stephen Schweizer – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Schweizer's certificates for a period of three (3) years based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Mark V. Amatucci – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and also 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.

Shaun M. Brauer – 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 his certificate(s) should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Ning Chi – By a vote of 6-0, with Mr. Jess recusing, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and 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.

Mileidys Diaz – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to take no action on this matter.

Sherry D. Frazier – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificates should not be suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license.

Kevin M. Jarrett – By a vote of 6-0, with Dr. Stepura recusing, the Board voted to table this matter.

Dawn Karpinski - 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.

Patrick F. Lynch – 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.

Sharon M. Malzberg - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and 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.

Jennifer Pechko – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and 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.

Elizabeth Sheehy – 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.

Darius Teel - 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 disqualification from employment in public schools.

Thomas D. Williams – 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.

Carol Willshire – 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.

Tara P. Disturco – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to hold the application in abeyance pending determination of the appeal.

Seema Govil – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to grant Ms. Govil’s application to apply for certification after block.

David G. Lo - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block Mr. Lo’s application for a teaching certificate.

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

### **Legal Consent List**

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

#### **Orders to Show Cause**

- a. Nicholas Anagnostos
- b. Annmarie Ballantine (Haubold)
- c. Shawn D. Cier

- d. Imelda P. Delvecchio
- e. Dawn M. Fidanza
- f. Karen B. Gruen
- g. Gary P. Gullone
- h. Francis Hiller, Jr.
- i. Anthony R. Lentine, Jr.
- j. Gary A. Long
- k. Angelo Romaniello, Jr.
- l. Jeffrey P. Zeltt

**Revocations/Suspensions**

- m. Bryan Caputo-revoke
- n. Chong-Hwa Chang-revoke
- o. Craig James Kunker-revoke
- p. Reginald Lawrence-revoke
- q. Nicole M. Shenko-revoke
- r. Matthew T. Stella-revoke
- s. Jean St. Fort-suspend

**Other**

- t. Jennifer Filo-adopt Initial Decision-revoke
- u. Shellie Mackson-adopt Initial Decision modify penalty-suspend

**Matters with Board Member Recusals**

- v. Marion J. Ash-Braswell-block-Fidelia Sturdivant recusing

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Dr. Stepura announced his retirement.

**Secretary's Report**

None.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Stepura 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 12:05 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, January 19, 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

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