

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
March 1, 2018**

**Present:** Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary  
Assistant Commissioner Robert Bumpus  
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Ms. Kristen Ludman  
Mr. Derek Jess  
Ms. Eileen Johnson  
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur

**Absent:** Dr. Jonathan Dauber  
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak  
Ms. Fidelia Sturdivant

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 January 19, 2018, and Assistant Commissioner Robert Bumpus 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:





Jill Sheinbaum – By a vote of 6-0, 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:

David E. Schafler – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Darren G. Ventre - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Jeffrey D. Deverin - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Deverin's certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Leo A. Donaldson – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Donaldson's certificates pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Dennis R. Thomas – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to remove the matter from the agenda.

Virginia Vertetis – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Vertetis' certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Nadine Wright – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Wright's certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Jane L. Berkley – By a vote of 6-0, 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 and action against out of state licenses.

Michael P. Ettz – 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 and crime and his disqualification from public school employment.

Gitanjali (Gita) Filippone – By a vote of 6-0, 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 public school employment.

John L. Gastgaber – 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 upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from public school employment.

Rhelda Gilchrist – By a vote of 6-0, 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 upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Ronald F. Hornish – 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 upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out of state licenses.

MD K. Huda - 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 upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from public school employment.

Jill E. Hunt – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to take no action.

Jill S. Kaufmann – By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Maryjo Kindzierski - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Daniel H. Lavelle – 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 upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state licenses.

Michael D. Leary – 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 upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Amiot P. Michel – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Damacina L. Oke – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Darryl T. Owens – due to recusals, there was no quorum to address this matter.

Yakik Rumley – 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 upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Frank Stout – By a vote of 6-0, 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.

Patrick Aiello - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to vacate the previously issued Order to Show Cause.

James Gardner – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to vacate the suspension in this matter.

Kenyada A. Mitchell - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to retain the case returned from the Office of Administrative Law.

Laura M. Kane – due to recusals, there was no quorum to address this matter.

### **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. Johnson Lafleur seconding the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote:

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

- a. Paul Blass, Jr.
- b. Karen A. Bobb
- c. Donna DeMarco
- d. Dianne E. Ellis
- e. Lesly A. Etheridge
- f. Adam J. Farrington
- g. Francis J. Flood
- h. Lynderia Mansfield
- i. Arthur L. Melton
- j. Dominick F. Novella, Jr.
- k. William C. Posselt
- l. Kiaya Rickard-Urban
- m. Raymond J. Rotella
- n. Kara V. Salvatoriello

#### **Revocations/Suspensions**

- o. Vincent Ajayi-suspend
- p. Meg Geisser-suspend

#### **Other**

- q. Margo S. Ardan-block
- r. Brian C. Hicks-block

The matters below were not addressed by the Board because there was no quorum due to the recusals in the below matters.

### **Matters with Board Member Recusals**

- s. Dennis DeMarino-block-Derek Jess recusal
- t. Andrea Giuffrida-adopt with modification OAL Decision-Derek Jess recusal
- u. Kevin M. Jarrett-OSC-Eileen Johnson recusal

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Secretary's Report**

None.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Johnson Lafleur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Ludman and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, April 13, 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