

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
June 29, 2018**

**Present:** Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary  
Assistant Commissioner Robert Bumpus  
Ms. Caroline Jones, Deputy Attorney General  
Dr. Jonathan Dauber  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Ms. Kristen Ludman  
Mr. Derek Jess  
Ms. Fidelia Sturdivant

**Absent:** Ms. Eileen Johnson  
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur  
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak

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 May 24, 2018 and the Special Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2018. Ms. Ludman seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote, with Assistant Commissioner Bumpus abstaining as to the June 18, 2018 meeting.

## **Individual Credentials Review**

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

Jennifer Dean  
Nicole Hernnadez  
Sara Howell  
Alyson Monaco  
Maria Gonzalez Najera  
Tanya Nalesnik

## **Credentials Review Consent List**

Dr. McNally made a motion to adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Assistant Commissioner Bumpus seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote. The candidates in the following cases were present at the May 24, 2018 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Kimberly Bennett	Teacher of Psychology - The Board denied her application for certification.
Oliver Dobrich	Teacher of Chemistry Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied his application for certification.
Michelle Gallagher	Teacher of American Sign Language Certificate of Eligibility - The Board granted her applications for certification.
Alexis Hordge	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied her application for certification.
Michelle Krueger	Reading Specialist – The Board denied her application for certification.
Benjamin Lieberman	Teacher of Career and Technical Education: Engineering Technology - The Board denied his application for certification.
Kristy McFarlane	Supervisor - The Board denied her application for certification, but granted three graduate semester-hour elective credits for a course in curriculum design and development.

Laura Richards	Teacher of Comprehensive Family and Consumer Science - The Board denied her application for certification, but granted her nine (non-advanced level) semester hour credits of the 22 deficient credits required for issuance of the certificate.
Martin Weinstein	Supervisor - The Board denied his application for certification.
Kimberly Wells	School Social Worker - The Board denied her application for certification.

Dr. McNally made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Ludman seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the May 24, 2018 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

Aaron Bourcier	Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied his application for certification.
Greta Marie Scott	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three - The Board denied her application for certification.

**Legal Committee Report**

There were two (2) hearings scheduled - *The Matter of the Certificates of Brigitte Geiger* and *The Matter of the Certificates of Sharon Jones*. Counsel for Ms. Geiger and Ms. Jones appeared and made a brief statement on both matters simultaneously.

Following the hearings, 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 Assistant Commissioner Bumpus and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:41 a.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:15 a.m. following a motion by Dr. Dauber and Assistant Commissioner Bumpus, and carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Alyssa Ciarrocchi - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Makeda Kemit – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Zachary Naszimento – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Kristen P. Norris – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Gnanaseharan Selliah – 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:

Brian R. Budd – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Budd's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime, action against his out of state license, and his disqualification from public school employment.

Sherry Frazier – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Frazier's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against her out of state license(s).

Glenn Ciripompa – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Ciripompa's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Joanne M. Benzoni – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Francis J. Flood - 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.

Rita Jean Baci – 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 and action against out of state license(s).

Kesnold T. Baptiste – 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.

Jonathan W. Bradley – 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.

Robert G. Campoverde – The Board took no action due to recusal and the resulting lack of quorum.

Joel S. Chesler – 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 his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Jason Eitner – 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.

Evan Fuchs – 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.

Deanna L. Gatanis - 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 and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Brian E. Hohmann – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to Mr. Hohmann as to why his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

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

James Janakat – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to Mr. Janakat as to why his certificate(s) should not be suspended based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Hanadie Khorchid – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to Ms. Khorchid as to why her certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Robert Lawless – 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 his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Scott E. Lodgek – 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 disqualification from public school employment.

Sean Lora – 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 his certificate(s) should not be suspended pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Douglas T. Mormello, Jr. – 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 his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Joseph G. Nappa – 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 his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of conduct.

Elizabeth Pearce – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Anthony Pomeroy – 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 his certificate(s) should not be revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Raquel Romero – 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 and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Andrew Monath - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to Mr. Monath 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 license(s).

Brooke N. Hullings – By a vote of 6-0, the Board took no action to block the application in this matter.

John Carlomagno – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law in this matter.

Errol A. Jamieson – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to block the application for certification in 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 Dr. Dauber seconding the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote:

### **Orders to Show Cause**

- a. Eugene Cimis
- b. Gina Cinotti
- c. Richard E. McAllister
- d. Pedro P. Rodriguez
- e. Trevor Sanders
- f. Darrin Taylor

### **Revocations/Suspensions**

- g. Annmarie Ballentine - revoke
- h. Guy P. Fowler - revoke

- i. Christie L. Nicholson - revoke
- j. Jeffrey P. Zeltt - revoke

**Other**

- k. Adam Farrington-reject voluntary surrender
- l. Afzal Shazad-block
- m. Forrest Walker-block

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Secretary's Report**

None.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Ludman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Dauber and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners was to be held on August 2, 2018, but do to lack of quorum, it was cancelled. The next meeting will be September 21, 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