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**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
September 15, 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
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur

Absent: Mr. Derek Jess
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 July 27, 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:

William Grillo
Tabitha Hettz

Jacqueline West
Aaryenne White

The Board had a question for Mr. Grillo regarding his coursework. The Board also had a question for Ms. Hynes regarding her work as a reading teacher. Ms. Bradley, and Mr. Skarzynski were not present. Ms. Cosmo's matter was removed from the agenda.

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 July 27, 2017 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote.

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| Lisa Bernardo | School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility- The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Kristin Cilento | Supervisor- The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Nicole Landicini | Teacher of Biology Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board granted her application for certification. |
| Richard Lill | Teacher of Psychology - The Board denied his application for certification. However, the Board granted partial credit for twelve semester-hour credits in psychology (non-advanced level). |
| Jason Nahum | Teacher of English- The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Gwendolyn Ndubuisi | School Library Media Specialist - The Board denied her application for certification. |
| Yakik Rumley | Supervisor- The Board denied his application for certification. |
| Anthony Sabia | Supervisor- The Board denied his application for certification. However, the Board granted partial credit for three graduate semester – hour credits in General Principles of Curriculum Design and Development. |

The candidate in the following case was not present at the July 27, 2017 meeting.

Catherine Baier

Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing - The Board denied her application for certifications.

Legal Committee Report

There were no hearings scheduled.

Ms. Johnson-LaFleur 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. Ludman 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 12:23 p.m. following a motion by Ms. Desiderio Orlak, 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 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Kenneth Emmons – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter. The Board also voted 8-0 to vacate the previously issued Order to Show Cause in this matter.

Karen L. Gitelman – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Justin Soccol – The matter was tabled.

Alyssa Ciarrocchi - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to amend the agenda to add this matter, and then 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:

Sean M. Dellomonaco – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Gary F. Higley - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Dennis Kotch - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Daniel E. Kropa - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Kenneth B. Moore - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Kathleen E. Patacsil - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Joseph Piparo – This matter was removed from the agenda.

David L. Rodriguez - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate(s) with the force and effect of a revocation.

Lucia Gomez-Jimenez –By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Gomez-Jimenez’ certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in public schools.

Andrew R. Pron – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Pron’s certificates based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against his out of state license.

Stephen R. Schweizer – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Brian R. Budd - By a vote of 8-0, 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, his disqualification from employment in public schools and action against his out of state license.

Richard Chambers – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Laurence DeWeever – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Leo A. Donaldson – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter. By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to issue an order to Show Cause for suspension pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Rebecca Gramling – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Christopher J. Hutton – By a vote of 8-0 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.

Christopher Massulo - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to take no action.

Luna Mishoe - By a vote of 7-0, with Ms. Sturdivant recusing, 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.

Zachary Naszimento – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Christie L. Nicholson - By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Clinton Ogden – By a vote of 8-0, 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 action against out of state license.

Jennifer Rome (Skymr) – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Terri Ann Sullivan – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted not to issue an Order to Show Cause to Ms. Sullivan. By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to block Ms. Sullivan’s application for a certificate, permitting her to reapply with proper documentation and fees.

Janeen Thomas – By a vote of 8-0, 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 and her disqualification from employment in public schools.

Stephen L. Townsend – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

George P. Turner – By a vote of 8-0, 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.

Jill Scheinbaum – By a vote of 8-0, 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 and her disqualification from employment in public schools.

Rolando Laguna – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to retain this matter following its return from the OAL for failure to appear.

Jennifer Filo – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision issued by the Office of Administrative law in this matter.

Amanda Figurelli – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to take no action to block Ms. Figurelli’s application for a teaching certificate.

Monica V. Gamble – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to block Ms. Gamble’s application a teaching certificate.

David G. Lo – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to table this matter.

Christopher M. Mayers – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to take no action to block.

David W. Rondesko – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to take no action to block.

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. Desiderio Orlak seconding the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Patrick Algieri
- b. Jeffrey D. Deverin
- c. Freddie L. Henry
- d. Matthew Hoffman
- e. Robert E. Mays
- f. Anthony S. Quartarolo
- g. Dennis R. Thomas

Revocations/Suspensions

- h. Donald DeWitt-revoke
- i. Brian L. Hurff-revoke
- j. Christopher D. Kuhn-revoke
- k. Lisa A. Sivillo-revoke

Other

- l. Nicholas Spiniello-block
- m. Eloise Stewart-adopt Initial Decision
- n. Isaiah Young-block

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Gatti presented an annual report on cases processed by the Board.

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 12:50 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 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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