

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

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer Hoff, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Mr. Derek Jess
Assistant Commissioner Robert Bumpus
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Kristen Ludman
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak

Absent: Ms. Eileen Johnson
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur

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 September 21, 2018. Dr. Dauber seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote, with Assistant Commissioner Bumpus and Mr. Jess abstaining.

Individual Credentials Review

Kenneth Ellsworth attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board regarding his application. The Board had no questions for Mr. Ellsworth.

Credentials Review Consent List

Dr. McNally made a motion to adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote with Mr. Jess abstaining. The candidates in the following cases were present at the September 21, 2018 meeting.

Dominique Chiu	Teacher of Elementary School - The Board denied her application for certification.
Catherine Copeland	Teacher of Art Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing-The Board denied her application for certification.
Elyse Smith	Teacher of Preschool through Grade Three - The Board denied her application for certification.
Augusto Suarez	Teacher of Comprehensive Business Certificate of Eligibility - The Board granted his application for certification.
Anthony Verdoni	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied his 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. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the September 21, 2018 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote with Mr. Jess abstaining.

Rukiah Alwan	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Gina Petrozelli	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board denied her application for certification.
Bernadette Marques-Pinto	School Business Administrator Certificate of Eligibility - The Board granted her application for certification.

Ms. Desiderio Orlak made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Assistant Commissioner Bumpus seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous vote, with Dr. McNally abstaining.

David Hunscher	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility - The Board denied his application for certification.
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Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing scheduled - *The Matter of the Certificates of Donna DeMarco*. Ms. DeMarco appeared with counsel and a hearing was held.

Following the hearing, Assistant Commissioner Bumpus 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. Desiderio Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:05 a.m.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:45 a.m. following a motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Nicholas Anagnostos - 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 accept the proposed consent order in this matter and suspend Ms. Kemit for a period of 2 years.

Liana Macedo – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter and suspend Ms. Macedo for a period of 9 months. Assistant Commissioner Bumpus recused.

Barbara Pyne – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter and revoke Ms. Pyne’s certificate(s).

Ryan Tirrell – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter and suspend Mr. Tirrell for a period of 5 years.

The Legal Committee reviewed all remaining legal cases and presented its recommendations to the Board on those matters. The Board took the following actions:

Imelda DelVecchio – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. DelVecchio’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime, her disqualification from public school employment and action against out of state license.

John L. Gastgaber – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Gastgaber’s certificate(s) 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 suspend Ms. Gilchrist’s certificate(s) coterminous with the expiration of her substitute credential based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

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

Daniel Lavelle - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Lavelle’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license.

Patrick F. Lynch – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Lynch’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Kiaya Rickard-Urban – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Rickard-Urban’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license.

Darius A. Teel – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Teel’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from public school employment.

Diane DiCosmo – 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.

Kimberly A. Gontowski – 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.

Joshua D. Green – 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.

Md K Huda – 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.

Kevin M. Jarrett – 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.

Dennis J. Palantini – 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.

Salvatore N. Arrigo – 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.

Tyrone A. Bryan – 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.

Edwin C. Cruz – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and 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.

Rayna E. Culver – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be suspended pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Stephanie Espana – 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.

Gaspere Gambino – 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 license(s).

Jasmine D. Hariston - 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.

Martin S. Hubany – 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.

Anisa M. Johnson – 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.

Seth Knoll - 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.

Larry Lee Lewis – 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 license.

David J. McKenna – 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.

Jack Sassamn, Jr. – 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.

Wayne H. Simcox – 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 license.

Major M. Smith, II – 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.

Shawn S. Sypherd – 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.

John Tezik – 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 conduct and action against out of state license.

Ryan Wasser – 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 and action against out of state license(s).

Joseph D'Alessio – 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.

John P. McCabe - By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law in this matter and modify the penalty to revocation.

Valerie A. McDonough – By a vote of 6-0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. McDonough's Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-8 certificate.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Ludman then made a motion that the Board adopt the following matters that were on the legal consent list, memorializing the Board's legal decisions from a previous meeting. Dr. Dauber seconded the motion and the Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote:

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Jessica R. Campbell
- b. Roberto G. Campoverde
- c. Kerry A. Castles
- d. Donald F. Cesaretti
- e. Lisa Davenport
- f. Ryan P. Flaherty
- g. Amalia M. Gawlikowski
- h. Nathaniel T. Gerson
- i. Kaitlin C. McGreevy
- j. Donna M. Moll
- k. Jonathan A. Moll
- l. Vanessa A. Morrison
- m. Daniel J. Pinkham
- n. Shelly Tucker Quintana
- o. Lizandra I. Rios
- p. Meghan A. Smith
- q. Natalie Zeballos

Revocations/Suspensions

- r. Karen A. Bobb-revoke
- s. Freddie L. Henry-revoke
- t. Dominick F. Novella, Jr.-revoke

Other

- u. Brittany E. Coppola-block
- v. Michael J. Leibowitz-adopt Initial Decision modify penalty-suspend

With Ms. Ludman moving, Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconding and Dr. Dauber recusing, the Board moved to adopt the decision in the following matter:

Matters with Board Member Recusals

- w. Andrew Hernandez-OSC-Jonathan Dauber recusal

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. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on December 17, 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