

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
February 28, 2020**

Present: Ms. Aimee Blenner, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Rani Singh, Secretary
Ms. Thelma Ramsey
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Ms. Suzana Zeitz
Dr. Jonathan Dauber
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur
Ms. Kristen Ludman

Absent: Mr. Derek Jess
Dr. Eileen Johnson
Assistant Commissioner AbdulSaleem Hasan

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jonathan Dauber, Acting Chairperson, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Ms. Desiderio Orlak moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2020. 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:

Shira Lieberman
Stephen Miller

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. The candidates in the following cases were present at the January 23, 2020 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Hal Mordkoff	Teacher of Mathematics Certificate - The Board denied his application.
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Timothy Bohn	Teacher of Theater Certificate of Eligibility- Denied as to certificate due to lack of basic skills exam. Granted as to course equivalency.
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Cazia McMurrian	Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application.
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Legal Committee Report

There was one hearing on the agenda, *In the Matter of the Certificates of Ryan P. Flaherty*. Mr. Flaherty appeared with his mother and each made a statement to the Board.

There was an additional hearing that was on the agenda as a hearing on the papers. The certificate holder requested to make a statement. Accordingly, the Board hearing *In the Matter of the Certificates of Tamla L. Doss*. Ms. Doss made a statement to the Board and Ms. Johnson LeFleur recused herself from the matter.

Ms. Desiderio Orlak 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. Johnson LaFleur and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 10:55 am.

The Board returned to the public session following a motion by Dr. McNally, seconded by Ms. Ludman and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned to the public portion of the meeting at 11:44 am.

The Board then took the following action with regarding items on the agenda:

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

James A. Janakat - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

Gary A. Long - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Cesar I. Sabino - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Karen F. Ball –By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Ball’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Daniel L. DeJesus – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. DeJesus’ certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Melody Giovannetti - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Giovannetti’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Robert Goodlin - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Goodlin’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the crime and conduct and disqualification from public school employment.

Anthony Haney - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Haney’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out of state license(s).

Christopher Juneau – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Juneau’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

William J. O’Neill – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. O’Neill’s certificate(s) pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Marcelle Williams – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Williams’ certificate(s) pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Todd P. Campanella – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Alejandro J. Martinez - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Joseph D. Pedulla - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment with the force and effect of revocation.

Edward Clarke – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Cassandra L. Claycomb – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

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

Brett D. Holeman – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Hector Montes – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Jodi Myers (Lisgar) – By a vote of 7-0, 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 action against out of state licenses.

Dawn C. Norcross - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Kimberly Pinkham - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Amanda R. Richardson - By a vote of 7-0, 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).

Jean Claude Santini – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Keilan J. Scott – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Sally A. Thompson – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Christin A. Williamson – By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Rosetta A. Wilson – By a vote of 6-0, with Dr. Dauber recusing, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter. By a vote of 5-1, 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.

Jamie Yourman - By a vote of 7-0, 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.

Elshaimaa M. Youssef - By a vote of 7-0, 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 revoked based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Catherine M. Bannister – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend her certificates pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Joseph D. Armstead – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to vacate the first Order to Show Cause and to issue a new Order to Show Cause for revocation based upon the level and nature of conduct.

Ohna D. Fagan – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to take no action to block.

Legal Consent List

Ms. Ludman then made a motion to adopt items a-s on the consent list below. Ms. Naomi Johnson LaFleur seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Ludman then made a motion to adopt item t on the agenda below. Dr. McNally seconded, and with Ms. Johnson LaFleur recusing, the motion passed unanimously. Finally, Ms. Ludman made a motion to adopt items u-x below. Ms. Johnson LaFleur seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Orders to Show Cause

- a. Linda M. Cainzos
- b. Melissa A. Fitzpatrick
- c. Thomas Guzzi, Jr.
- d. Shannon E. Lamaster (McDonough)
- e. Patrick McAuley
- f. Aleisha Morosco
- g. Acey A. Mosley

- h. Matthew O'Brien
- i. Zachary Smith
- j. Brittany Witkowski

Revocations/Suspensions

- k. Kesnold Baptiste - revocation
- l. Erika K. Canfora - revocation
- m. Alyssa Ciarrocchi - revocation
- n. Michael A. Davidson - suspension
- o. Melissa A. Johnson (Sibre) - revocation
- p. Michael V. Massaro – revocation
- q. James Ochse – revocation
- r. Jennifer Pechko - suspension

Other

- s. Eluid Amaya – adopt initial decision OAL
- t. Dawson, Azzaro, Cummings – adopt initial decision OAL
- u. Arpino and Seromenho – adopt initial decision OAL
- v. Acey A. Mosley – block
- w. Adam Berch – block
- x. Vicki Plowden - block

Old Business

None.

New Business

Kimberly A. Gatti, Coordinator for the Board, provided the Board with a tentative 2020-2021 meeting calendar for review.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary provided the Board with a draft memorandum including 2 new certification policies.

Adjournment

Ms. Ludman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Desiderio Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on April 3, 2020 in the first-floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Kimberly A. Gatti

Minutes certified by Rani Singh, Secretary