

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
January 23, 2020**

**Present:** Ms. Jennifer Hoff, Deputy Attorney General  
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  
Assistant Commissioner AbdulSaleem Hasan  
Ms. Kristen Ludman

**Absent:** Mr. Derek Jess  
Dr. Eileen Johnson  
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur

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.

Dr. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2019. Ms. Ludman 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:

Hal Mordkoff

The following applicants did not attend the meeting:

Timothy Bohn  
Zakiyah Floyd  
Cazia McMurrian

### **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 December 13, 2019 meeting. The Board adopted the following decisions:

Elizabeth Asamoah	Supervisor Certificate - The Board granted her application in part, finding that her submitted documents of experience fulfill the work experience requirement for the Supervisor Certificate.
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Judith Brauberger	German Certificate of Eligibility - Granted as to the required 30 German course credits, but issuance of certificate is denied for lack of meeting the basic skills requirement.
Cara Harms	Teacher of American Sign Language – The Board granted her application.
Partha Roy	Teacher of Physical Science Non-Citizen Certificate – The Board granted the application for renewal of the non-citizen certificate.
Lisa Sayin	Reading Specialist – the Board denied her application.

### **Legal Committee Report**

There was one hearing on the agenda, *In the Matter of the Certificates of Anisa Johnson*. Ms. Johnson did not appear for the hearing and the matter will be moved to the next agenda as a hearing on the papers.

Ms. Ludman 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 Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:14 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 11:45 am.

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

Joel S. Chesler – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

Karen B. Gruen - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted not to vacate the Order to Show Cause.

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

Laura Kane - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

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

David Perry - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Erika K. Canfora –By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Canfora’s certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

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

Michael A. Davidson - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Mr. Davidson’s certificate(s) for a period of one year based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license.

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

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

James Ochse – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Ochse's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and action against out of state licenses.

Kesnold Baptiste – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Baptiste's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Jennifer Pechko – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Pechko's certificate(s) for a period of 2 years based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

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

Linda M. Cainzos – 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.

Melissa Fitzpatrick – 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.

Thomas Guzzi, Jr. – 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.

Shannon E. Lamaster (McDonough) – 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.

Patrick McAuley – 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 action against out of state licenses.

Aleisha Morosco – 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 licenses.

Matthew O'Brien - 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.

Zachary Smith - 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.

Brittany Witkowski - 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 license(s).

Eluid Amaya - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision in this matter.

Priscilla Dawson, Maria Azzaro, Melvin Cummings Consolidated - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision in this matter.

Angela Arpino and Poliana Seromenho Consolidated - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to adopt the initial decision in this matter.

Acey A. Mosley - By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block Mr. Mosley's pending application and to issue an order to show cause on existing certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Matthew Goetke – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted retain the case after failure to appear at the Office of Administrative Law.

Carol A. Bebout – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to take no action to block.

Adam Berch – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Vicki Plowden – By a vote of 7-0, the Board voted to block her applications for certification.

Steven Schulster – 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-p on the consent list below. Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

- a. Stevan A. Austino
- b. Catherine N. Bannister (Mitchko)
- c. Kimberly A. Bargiel
- d. Shanna L. Blau
- e. Amy F. Garcia
- f. Staci A. Laubauskas
- g. Jayson V. Laverne
- h. Richard N. Leonard
- i. Sonia Nunez
- j. Christopher Schraufnagel
- k. Velita Smith

### **Revocations/Suspensions**

- l. Michael Carmiche, Jr. (adopt initial decision OAL – suspension)
- m. Donald F. Cesaretti (suspension)
- n. Lisa Davenport (suspension)
- o. Darius Griffin (revocation)
- p. James Smith (adopt initial decision OAL – suspension)

### **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 12:00 p.m.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on February 28, 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