

# **MEETING MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 1, 2019 MEETING**

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
September 19, 2019**

**Present:** Ms. Rani Singh, Acting Secretary  
Mr. Geoffrey Stark, Deputy Attorney General  
Dr. Jonathan Dauber  
Dr. Eileen Johnson  
Ms. Thelma Ramsey  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Ms. Suzana Zeitz  
Ms. Dayna Desiderio Orlak  
Ms. Naomi Johnson-Lafleur  
Assistant Commissioner AbdulSaleem Hasan

**Absent:** Ms. Kristen Ludman  
Mr. Derek Jess

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. Johnson-LaFleur moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of August 1, 2019. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved by a unanimous vote with Dr. McNally abstaining.

## **Individual Credentials Review**

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

Harry Cosimano

Anila Eugene  
Irina Faivusovich  
Daniel Gundersen  
Meg Napolitano-Evan  
Anais Rodriguez

The following applicant did not attend the meeting:

Mallory Kozuch  
Richard Williams

### **Credentials Review Consent List**

Ms. Desiderio Orlak made a motion to adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Ramsey seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following decisions by a unanimous vote with Dr. McNally abstaining. The candidates in the following cases were present at the August 1, 2019 meeting. The Board adopted the following decision by a unanimous vote.

Lissikutty George	Non-Citizen Teacher of Biological Science - The Board granted her application for certification.
Silinea Hilliard	Teacher of Dance Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.
Jaime Kraus	Teacher of Students with Disabilities Standard Certificate – The Board denied her application for renewal.
Anthony Spina	Teacher of Comprehensive Business, Teacher of Students with Disabilities, and Teacher of Mathematics Certificates – The Board denied his applications for certification.
Steven Styles	Teacher of Printing Provisional Renewal – The Board granted his application for provisional renewal.

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Neysa Acosta (Etienne)	School Social Worker Certificate - The Board denied her application for certification, but granted credits for introductory level case work.
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### **Legal Committee Report**

There were three (3) hearings scheduled. The first hearing was *In the Matter of the Certificates of Rasa Hayes*. Ms. Hayes appeared without counsel and made a statement to the Board.

The second hearing was *In the Matter of the Certificates of Shea D. Lightfoot*. Ms. Lightfoot appeared without counsel and made a statement to the Board.

The third hearing was *In the Matter of the Certificates of Vincent Serpico*. Mr. Serpico appeared without counsel and made a statement to the Board.

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 Dr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:55 a.m.

The Board returned to the public session at following a motion by Ms. Johnson LaFleur, seconded by Ms. Desiderio Orlak and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board returned at 12:30 am.

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

Jacquelyn Conroy – By a vote of 7-0, with Ms. Zeitz recusing, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Jason Eitner - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Francis Hiller, Jr. –By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

James A. Janakat – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to reject the proposed consent order in this matter.

Frank Stout – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to accept the proposed consent order in this matter.

Katie M. Adams - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Adams' certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Rayna E. Culver – By a vote of 7-0, with Ms. Johnson-LaFleur recusing, the Board voted to suspend Ms. Culver's certificate(s) pending the outcome of the underlying criminal charges.

Laurence O. DeWeever - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. DeWeever's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and action against out of state license(s).

Tamala Doss – The Board tabled this matter.

Cynthia Foxworth - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Foxworth's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct, crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Eric S. Komar - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Komar's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

James Kuntz – By a vote of 8-0 the Board voted to revoke Mr. Kuntz's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Michael I. Levitt – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Levitt's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Ross J. Segreaves – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Mr. Segreaves' certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct and crime and disqualification from public school employment.

Christine Vera - By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Vera's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Lynderia Mansfield – By a vote of 7 to 1 opposed, with 3 abstentions, the Board voted to revoke Ms. Mansfield's certificate(s) based upon the level and nature of the conduct.

Philip D. Cerone – 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.

Bernard E. Gmitter, Jr. – 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.

Chelsea L. Hahn – 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.

Paul J. Iantosca – 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.

Michael Palladino - 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.

Mark N. Santeramo - 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.

Thomas Weir - 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.

Stephanie A. Carafa – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be suspended pending the outcome of the underlying criminal matter.

Isaias Garza – By a vote of 8-0, 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 matter.

Mark A. Kinney – By a vote of 8-0, 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 matter.

William J. O’Neill – By a vote of 8-0, 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 matter.

Alexandra E. Reiner (Maldonado) – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to seal the record in this matter and to issue an order to show cause as to why her certificate(s) should not be suspended pending the outcome of the underlying criminal matter.

Carlos Rodriguez – 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 and disqualification from public school employment.

Joshua L. Rosenbaum - 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.

Bradley Sakevich - 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 action against out of state license(s).

Jesmarie Soto - By a vote of 8-0, 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.

David E. Troiano - 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 action against out of state license(s).

Marcelle Williams - By a vote of 8-0, 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 matter.

Luke V. Bakula - 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 and disqualification from public school employment.

Adam Farrington - 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 and disqualification from public school employment.

Bradley E. Mea - 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 action against out of state license(s).

Elizabeth Pearce - By a vote of 8- 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).

Anthony J. Van Zwaren – By a vote of 8-0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application in this matter.

### **Legal Consent List**

Ms. Johnson-LaFleur then made a motion to adopt items a-s and item u on the consent list. Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Assistant Commissioner Hasan abstaining. Ms. Johnson-LaFleur then made a motion to adopt item t, Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded the motion, Dr. Johnson recused and Assistant Commissioner Hasan abstained, the motion passed.

### **Orders to Show Cause**

- a. Diana P. Abril
- b. Michael S. D'Alessio
- c. Jaime S. Friedland
- d. Robert A. Goodlin
- e. Keith T. Hampton
- f. Christopher S. Juneau
- g. Irene M. Lefebvre
- h. Stephen C. Margiotta
- i. Kayla R. McDonald
- j. Luna Mishoe
- k. Casey J. Scheiner

### **Revocations/Suspensions**

- l. David F. Alzieux – revoke
- m. James Dunckley - revoke
- n. Lorrain Dutill – revoke
- o. James J. Savage – revoke
- p. Meghan A. Smith – suspension
- q. Shawn S. Sypherd - revoke
- r. Natalie Zeballos – revoke

### **Other**

- s. Patrick Algieri – adopt initial decision
- t. Craig Forte – adopt initial decision, modify suspension
- u. Robert Klein – adopt, revoke

Ms. Johnson-LaFleur then made a motion to adopt item v below on the consent list. Ms. Desiderio Orlak seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Ms. Zeitz recusing and Assistant Commissioner Hasan abstaining.

**Matters with Board Member Recusals**

- v. Dennis DeMarino - suspension

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Secretary's Report**

None.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Johnson LaFleur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

The next scheduled regular public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on November 1, 2019 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