

State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting

February 27, 1997

Attending: Dr. Arnold Speert, Acting Chairperson  
Ms. Ida B. Graham, Secretary  
Ms. Arlene Lutz, Deputy Attorney General  
Dr. Thomas Niland, Acting Chairperson, Legal Committee  
Mr. James Gay  
Dr. Vito Germinario  
Dr. Elspeth Goodin  
Dr. Ruthie Green-Brown  
Dr. Mary Jean Guidette  
Mr. Frank Hicks  
Mr. Richard Malanowski  
Dr. Thomas Niland  
Mr. Peter Tirri  
Ms. Joyce Vereen

Absent: Dr. Barbara Anderson  
Dr. Vera King Farris  
Ms. Lizbeth Sanchez

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Speert, Acting Chairperson.

The minutes of the January 23, 1997 meeting were approved and adopted.

Individual Credentials Review

Ms. Celeste A. Curly who is applying for Teacher of the Handicapped licensure made a brief presentation and answered questions from the Board regarding her experience.

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

Order to Show Cause

Jack J. Rose

Revoke

Antonio Bilbao  
William Harrison  
Mary Scott - Shemesh

In the matter of Lorraine Cohen, the Board unanimously voted to investigate if Ms. Cohen successfully completed the Pretrial Intervention Program.

In the matter of Michael Colucci, Jr., the Board unanimously voted to investigate the status of Mr. Colucci's Pre-Trial Intervention Program.

In the matter of Michael Taylor, the Board unanimously voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause issued March 30, 1995 as his disqualification for employment was rescinded on appeal leaving the matters without merit.

The Board voted to take no action to suspend, revoke or block licenses to the following individuals:

Joshua Bomze	Peter L. McFarlane
Leo Brancato	Beverly Pinheiro
Priscilla Collins	Shirley D. Robinson
Brett Michael Fauver	Bonnie Beckham Raper
Michele Lamonica	Andrew J. Russo
Diana Lawrence	Ryan J. Winters

Secretary Ida B. Graham advised Board members that the procedures previously used by the Board when conducting hearings were now codified with modifications. New guidelines for implementation of hearings need to be developed so that hearings can be resumed. There is a backlog of 51 cases to be heard where there are no material facts in dispute.

Secretary Graham also advised the Board that there has been an increase of cases brought to her attention where individuals are producing bogus licenses for purposes of employment in N.J. public schools. Ms. Graham emphasized the importance of verifying the authenticity of licenses. Ms. Graham also provided the Board with an update on the Pamela Hunt case which was recently reviewed by the Board when Ms. Hunt presented a bogus test score to the Office of Licensing.

At Dr. Speert's request, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

Dr. Speert recommended to the Board that the Legal Committee, under Dr. Niland's leadership, draft guidelines and procedures to govern cases scheduled for revocation/suspension hearings. The Board concurred and Dr. Niland agreed.

Dr. Speert also informed the Board that Dr. Vera King Farris has been recently appointed to the new board at Adelphia University.

The following cases should be retained by Board members for future reference:

Lorraine Cohen  
Michael Colucci, Jr.  
Celeste A. Curley  
Jack J. Rose

The next meeting of the board is scheduled to be held April 3, 1997 at 100 Riverview Plaza, first floor conference room, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0500.

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