

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
December 9, 2004**

Present: Mr. Michael Klavon, Acting Secretary
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Donald Farish, Chair, Legal Committee
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Mr. Richard Kaplan
Mr. William King
Dr. Stuart Schnur
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair
Ms. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Jay Doolan, who announced that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The minutes of the October 28, 2004 meeting were approved.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

The following individuals attended the meeting, made brief presentations and answered questions from the Board regarding their experiences:

Malika Berry	School Social Worker
Lynn Coyle	School Social Worker

Gary Goldman
Samuel Karlin
Ellen Kenny

Student Personnel Services
Supervisor
Elementary School Teacher

Ms. Kenny was accompanied by Sr. Claire
Ouimet, Principal, St. Agnes School, who spoke
on her behalf.

Sharon Kramer
Robert Lower

Teacher of English as a Second Language
Teacher of Mathematics

Mr. Lower was accompanied by Paul Rufino,
Principal of Penns Grove High School, who spoke
on his behalf.

Credentials Review Committee Report

There were no Credentials Committee Reports.

Legal Committee Report

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

Ricardo Bacon – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Cheryl Chase – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Isaac Green – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Janet Ingram – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

James Jackiewicz - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Robert Mark - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Melissa Wilson - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to her based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

John Yessis - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Andres Abad – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause as the underlying criminal charges had been dismissed.

Mary Ellen Berbenich – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny her request to hold the matter in abeyance pending her appeal of her conviction and to issue a hearing notice to her.

Grace Giglio – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause because she had prevailed in the tenure case against her.

Brian Rafferty – By a vote 11 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause because the underlying offense was expunged.

Richard Schwab – By a vote of 11 to 0, the State Board of Examiners voted to table the matter and to request an update on the status of the criminal charges.

Daniel Reid – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to him based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Jerry Mills – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Kathryn Davis – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal seeking a Teacher of the Handicapped certificate.

Nicole Perna – By a vote of 10 to 1, the Board voted to deny her appeal seeking to have her Praxis score declared acceptable for certification.

Tina Thi – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal to have her GPA declared acceptable for certification.

Richard Bellamy – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Frank Buttich – With Ms. Tunstall recusing herself, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Harvey Dock – By a vote of 10 to 1, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Kelly Gibbons – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Marc Kamin – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Donald Mack – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on his disqualification from public school employment.

Jeanette Nixon – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct

James O'Donnel – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from public school employment.

Mary Scardilli – By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Stephen Vespe - By a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from public school employment.

Wanda Williams – By a vote of 7 to 4, the Board voted to suspend her certificate for one year from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

Mr. Doolan read a resolution to go into closed session in order to obtain advice from counsel regarding a current legal matter, *In the Matter of the Certificate of Laurie Rosen*. Dr. Farish made a motion to adopt the resolution and Dr. Schnur seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote, and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:34 A.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 11:35 A.M.

Dr. Farish made a motion to reject the proposed settlement in *In the Matter of the Certificate of Laurie Rosen*, which was seconded by Mr. King. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Dr. Schnur made a motion to have the State Board of Examiners send a letter to the Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District regarding the district's use of an uncertified teacher for two years. Mr. Gay seconded the motion, which was carried by a vote of 8 to 2, with one abstention.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Klavon reported on new procedural changes for the State Board of Examiners, such as the use of a resolution to go into closed session and a new numbering system in the Legal Booklet.

The Secretary advised the Board that legislation concerning substitute certificates is pending in the Legislature. If it is enacted, there may be changes in the way substitute certificates are handled in the future.

Mr. Klavon also gave an update on changes that are occurring in the Office of Licensure and Credentials.

Mr. Terri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Gitenstein and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2005 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Arlene G. Lutz.

Minutes certified by Michael K. Klavon, Acting Secretary