

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting (Amended 11/30/12)
200 River View Plaza
First Floor Conference Room
Trenton, New Jersey
September 21, 2012**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer Campbell, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. JoAnn Gales
Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri

Absent: Mr. Derek Jess
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tirri, Acting Chair, who read the appropriate notice that the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Ms. Gales moved to adopt the minutes of the July 26, 2012 meeting, and Dr. Purnell seconded the motion. With Dr. McNally abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review

The following individuals attended the meeting to respond to any questions from the Board:

Regina Basilone	Supervisor
Terry Caliste	School Administrator
Giovanni Cusmano	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility (Mr. Tirri recused himself.)

John Paul Gazzara	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Language Arts/Literacy
Linda Hooks Jaworski	Supervisor
Michael Mascellino	Supervisor
Meredith Van Arsdale (nee Guhl)	Supervisor
Mildred Waale	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility; Principal Certificate of Eligibility

Jamayla Scott, who is seeking a School Counselor certificate, and Virginia Verteis, who is seeking a Principal Certificate of Eligibility, were not present at the meeting. Jill Banholzer and Katie Carl were withdrawn from the agenda.

Credentials Review Consent List

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Ms. Hennessy seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the July 26, 2012 meeting. With Dr. McNally abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Carrin Bachowski (2 nd review)	Teacher of Family & Consumer Science: Child and Family Development – The Board granted her application for certification.
Jessie Green	School Counselor – The Board granted his application for certification.
Georgiana Murnaghan	American Sign Language Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification.
Kristin Tallant	School Social Worker emergency certificate – The Board granted her application for certification.

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Libia Agudelo	School Social Worker emergency certificate – The Board denied her application for certification.
Daniel Pacifico (2 nd review)	Teacher of Business: Computer Applications and Business Related Information Technology – The

Board granted his application for certification.

Legal Committee Report

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

Rose L. Farrell – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Stephen Vespe – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application.

Lara M. Wilson – Ms. Wilson and her counsel, Stephen B. Hunter, Esq., appeared before the Board for a hearing on the sanction issue. Following the hearing, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Donna L. Covely – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and her disqualification from employment in the public schools.

David M. Kelly – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Randi True – By a vote of 5 to 1, with Mr. Tirri opposing, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Jeffrey Berke – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Derek Hildreth – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificate pending disposition of criminal charges.

John Iurato – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Michael Janes – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his substitute credential based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Derick Jerinsky – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Mark Kisselbach – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Raymond Leneweaver – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Francisco Lindo – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Joseph Ponsi – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Brian Corcoran – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Jason Dorrell – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Edward Esposito – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificate should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Joseph Greco – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Eugenio Morales – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Ronald Moreno – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Darryl Powell – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Charles J. Reilly – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

Gabriel Vasquez – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to issue an order to show cause as to why his certificates should not be suspended pending disposition of criminal charges.

William (Guillermo) Santamaria – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to him and to issue a new order to show cause as to why his certificate should not be revoked based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and his disqualification from employment in the public schools.

Emanuel Henderson – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice in the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Barbara Lentine*, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:17 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:20 p.m.

Barbara Lentine - By a vote of 5 to 1, with Ms. Gales opposing, the Board voted to adopt with modification the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to suspend her certificates for six months based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Joseph Mifsud – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

William Beltran – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to retransmit this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing.

Timothy Dickson – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Brian T. Willging – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Andrew Brown – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Roberto Gutierrez – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Justin Mannick – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

William G. Miltner – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Anthony J. Pecora – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Peter Bellomo – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application for certification after revocation.

Arthur Ernst – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the voluntary suspension of his certificates pending disposition of criminal charges.

The Star-Ledger – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to release to The Star-Ledger redacted copies of sealed decisions issued by the Office of Administrative Law in five cases involving proceedings initiated by the Board.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion that the Board adopt the following matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board’s legal decisions from a previous meeting, and Dr. Purnell seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

James Faux
Michael Furey
Brendan Kenny
Robert Millner
Tamara Reyes

Revocations/Suspensions

Zuzana Bracok
Jose Cardenas
William Davis
Patricia Gallegos
Ryan Giovanelli
Thomas Papa
Kristi Pennypacker
Amalbi Perez
Francisco Planas-Borgstrom
Manuel Portalatin
Gregory Young

Other

Neil Brown
Ellen Ann Muench
Cheryl Sloan

Maria Parise was withdrawn from the legal consent list.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding a proposed settlement agreement in the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate of Gary F. Basile*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:35 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:58 p.m.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The Board reviewed three reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance regarding the Camden and Woodbridge school districts and directed staff to schedule the certificate-holders named in the reports for review at a future meeting for consideration of whether to initiate proceedings against their certificates.

Secretary's Report

There was no secretary's report.

Adjournment

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Ms. Gales and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Friday, November 2, 2012, in the first floor conference room, 200 River View Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Jeffrey H. Lieberman

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Secretary

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