

**State Board of Examiners  
Minutes of Meeting  
200 River View Plaza  
First Floor Conference Room  
Trenton, New Jersey  
January 25, 2013**

**Present:** Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary  
Ms. Daniela Ivancikova, Deputy Attorney General  
Mr. Evo Popoff, Assistant Commissioner  
Ms. JoAnn Gales  
Ms. Kristin Hennessy  
Dr. Patricia McGeehan  
Dr. Mary Jane McNally  
Dr. Timothy Purnell

**Absent:** Mr. Derek Jess  
Mr. Peter Tirri  
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Popoff, 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 meeting on December 13, 2012, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. With Dr. McGeehan and Dr. Purnell abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote. Dr. McNally moved to adopt the minutes of the special meeting on January 10, 2013, and Ms. Gales seconded the motion. With Ms. Hennessy abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Credentials Review Consent List**

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decision in the following matter on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was present at the November 30, 2012 meeting. The Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Jeanne Apryasz

School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility –  
The Board granted her application for certification.

Ms. Gales made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were not present at the November 30, 2012 meeting. The Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

James Cordery	Principal Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
Ellen Hale	Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization in Language Arts/Literacy Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – The Board granted her application for certification.
Beatriz Novo	Spanish Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied her application for certification but approved six-semester hour credits in Spanish.
Paul Orbe	Teacher of Biological Science Certificate of Eligibility – The Board granted his application for certification.
John Palsi	School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied 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:

Judah Landa – Mr. Landa 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.

Yakik Rumley – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Joseph Winkelried – This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

David Wunsch – Mr. Wunsch and his counsel, Harold Springstead, 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.

Rose L. Farrell – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate for 2 years based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime, with reinstatement conditioned on compliance with terms imposed by the Board.

Jill Kubicki – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to suspend her certificate for 3 years based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Anthony Coluccio, Jr. – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

James R. Faux – 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 revocation of his certificates in other states.

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

Donna Johnson – 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.

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

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

Arnaldo Rodriguez – 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.

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

Darrelle Tobe – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to revoke her certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct.

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

Frank P. D'Alonzo – 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.

Obawtaye Folayan – 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.

Dara Kurlander – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter for further review.

Danielle Mutovic – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against her certificates.

Yury Taylor – 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 and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Richard Wygant – 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 and crime and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Gary F. Basile – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which he agreed to a suspension of his certificate for 5 years.

Brian Gross – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to accept the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter, in which he agreed to a suspension of his certificates for 4 years and 2 days.

Rodney S. Lofton – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

Deborah L. Cantz – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke her certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Glenn C. Barnfield – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his certificates.

Lawrence Parker – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

Brenda Torrence – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

Karen Gaba – The Board granted the request by Ms. Gaba’s counsel, George B. Somers, Jr., Esq., to address the Board. After the presentation by Mr. Somers and Ms. Gaba, the Board took the matter under advisement and deferred determination until a future meeting.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding a settlement proposal, which was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:12 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:20 p.m.

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

Edward P. Fiszer – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification and 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 and crime and the revocation of his certificates in another state.

Michael Simone – By a vote of 6 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to remove Lara Wilson from the legal consent list, which was duly seconded by Dr. McGeehan and approved by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Purnell made a motion that the Board adopt the following matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal decisions from the November 30, 2012 meeting, and Dr. McGeehan seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Catherine DePaul  
Jernee Kollock  
Jeffrey Logrando  
Nicholas Martinelli  
Daniel Michielli  
Sharon Strack  
Scott Van Hoven

Revocations/Suspensions

Amy Brewer  
Lorye Craver  
Albert Crosta  
David Eidel  
Diana Martinez  
Daniel Padilla  
Maria Parise  
Kelly Richter-Jobes  
F. Gloria Snauffer  
Lia Trembath

Other

Carol Anne Futrell

Dr. McGeehan recused herself, and Kathryn Schmicking Guerra was withdrawn from the legal consent list due to the lack of a quorum.

Dr. Purnell made a motion to remove Joan Johnson, Stephanie Klecan, John Radzik and Lisa Sivillo from the legal consent list, which was duly seconded by Dr. McGeehan and approved by a unanimous vote.

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Orders to Show Cause

Alexis Hayes  
Quincey Holloway  
Joseph Miller  
Emma Painter  
Danielle Picklo  
Michael Ritacco  
Gregory Stauffer  
John Zawadzki

Revocations/Suspensions

Jerry Lamb  
Joseph Panzica

Other

Robin Crudup

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Dr. Higgins reported that the State Board of Education would be reviewing proposed amendments to the licensing code at adoption level at its May meeting.

Dr. McGeehan made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:29 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:39 p.m.

The Board reviewed two reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance regarding the Waterford and Collingswood 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 Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 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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