

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

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Secretary
Ms. Jennifer McGruther, Deputy Attorney General
Mr. Peter Shulman, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. JoAnn Gales
Dr. Patricia McGeehan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Timothy Purnell
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Ms. Kristin Hennessy
Mr. Derek Jess

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

Mr. Tirri moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2013, and Dr. Purnell seconded the motion. With Ms. Gales abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote. Dr. McGeehan moved to adopt the minutes of the special meeting of July 8, 2013, and Mr. Tirri seconded the motion. With Dr. McNally abstaining, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review

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

Jamie Allen
Kerri Amoriello
Matthew Bass

Lisa Della Vecchia
Julie Schwarzwald
Lisa Roland Smolenyak
Alexius Southerland
Sean Thom
Thomas Tufaro

Renee Bannister, Brian Fleischer, Osvaldo M. Matos, Tamara Ruben and John Schneider were not present at the meeting.

Ms. Tunstall made a motion to amend the credentials review consent list in order to add a draft decision for Brian Fleischer to the consent list. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. McNally and carried 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. McGeehan seconded the motion. The candidate in the following case was present at the February 28, 2013 meeting. With Dr. Purnell recusing himself, the Board adopted the following action by a unanimous vote.

Elizabeth Marcinek	Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Ms. Tunstall made a motion that the Board adopt the decisions in the following matters on the credentials review consent list, and Dr. Purnell seconded the motion. The candidates in the following cases were present at the May 16, 2013 meeting. With Ms. Gales abstaining, the Board adopted the following actions by a unanimous vote.

Anna D'Agostino	Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.
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David Gray	Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.
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Myles Hart	Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied his application for certification.
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Maria Loreto O. Morton	Teacher of the Handicapped or Teacher of Students with Disabilities – The Board denied her application for certification.
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Coralie Peary	Principal certificate of eligibility – The Board granted her application for certification.
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Tanya Soltys	Supervisor – The Board denied her application for
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Laurie Cancalosi – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Purnell recusing himself, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her.

Maureen Flaherty – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Purnell recusing himself, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her.

Cheryl Swider – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Purnell recusing himself, the Board voted to vacate the order to show cause that had been issued to her.

Patrick J. Lott – By a vote of 6 to 0, with Dr. Purnell recusing himself, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Richard Wygant – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Frank P. D'Alonzo – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Edward P. Fiszer – By a vote of 7 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.

Joseph E. Miller – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to suspend his certificates pending disposition of criminal charges.

Michael J. Ritacco – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

David W. Shaw – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Gregory Stauffer – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Gerard Carroll, Jr. – By a vote of 7 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.

Walter V. Davis – By a vote of 7 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 the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Judith Elie – By a vote of 7 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 and the revocation of her certificates in another state.

Neville Hector, Jr. – By a vote of 7 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 Klimik – By a vote of 7 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.

Philip B. Stern – By a vote of 7 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 surrender of his certificates in another state.

Nicholas G. Sysock – By a vote of 7 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.

John Tracey – By a vote of 7 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.

Kurt Zimmermann – By a vote of 7 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.

By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table the following matters in order to obtain additional information from the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance:

Barbara Bampoe-Parry

Thelma Hurd

Christine Krzeminski

Debra Stallone

Sandra Sussman

Nancy Yacabonis

Andre L. Williams – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to block his application for certification based on the level and nature of the conduct and the surrender of his certificates in another state.

Mark C. Bringhurst – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

John N. Carpenter – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Carl R. Davis – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his substitute credential with the force and effect of a revocation.

Erica DePalo – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Robert Gervasi, Jr. – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Derek V. Hildreth – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Kristin Leone – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of her certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Ronald J. Murphy – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation.

Robert F. Ruppert – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Aikeem R. Taylor – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to table this matter in order to obtain additional information.

William Beltran – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificate.

Benjamin J. Norton – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to deny the motion filed by the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the case to file reply exceptions as within time. By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the findings of the Administrative Law Judge and to revoke his certificate.

Mr. Tirri made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice regarding a settlement proposal in the matter captioned *In the Matter of the Certificate of Edward Esposito*, which was duly seconded by Dr. Purnell and carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:30 p.m. The Board returned to the public session at 12:55 p.m.

Edward Esposito – By a vote of 7 to 0, the Board voted to reject the proposed settlement and consent order in this matter.

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 a previous meeting, and Dr. McNally seconded the motion. The Board adopted the following orders by a unanimous vote.

Orders to Show Cause

Catherine DePaul
Francis DeStefano
Yakik Rumley
Joseph Sherman

Revocations/Suspensions

Mary Lou Forsell
William (Guillermo) Santamaria

Other

Sharir Feldman
Talita Robinson
Jason Silverstein

Old Business

In response to a question raised by Mr. Tirri, the Board discussed the attendance of candidates on the credentials review presentation agenda at meetings.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins reported that the Board members had received the finalized meeting schedule for the 2013-14 school year. In addition, Dr. Higgins reported that the licensing page of the Department's website now included a PowerPoint presentation with information describing recent changes to the licensing code.

Adjournment

Mr. Tirri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. McGeehan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

The next scheduled public meeting of the State Board of Examiners will be held on Thursday, September 19, 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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