

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
September 21, 2006**

Present: Dr. Robert Higgins, Acting Secretary
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Mr. James Gay, Chair, Legal Committee
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Ms. Gail Cropper
Mr. Richard Kaplan
Dr. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Adam Pfeffer
Dr. Herman Saatkamp
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Priscilla Vimislik
Mr. Barry Worman

Absent: Dr. Jay Doolan, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Chair
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein

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

Deputy Attorney General Carolyn Labin administered the oath of office to the three new members of the Board, Dr. Adam Pfeffer, Dr. Herman Saatkamp and Ms. Priscilla Vimislik.

Mr. Worman moved to adopt the minutes of the July 21, 2006 meeting and Ms. Cropper seconded the motion. With four members abstaining, the minutes were approved as corrected by a unanimous vote.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

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

Kathleen Cosgrove	Standard Teacher of Elementary School
Tasha Davis	Elementary Education with Subject Matter Specialization Mathematics
Sherri Glennon	Standard Teacher of the Handicapped. Ms. Glennon was accompanied by Jeffrey Feldman, Supervisor, Youth Consultant Service Transitional Education Center of Morris County, who spoke on her behalf.
Rosalie Mancino	Supervisor
Mark Thompson	Teacher of Biological Science

Diann Boms, who is seeking a Standard Teacher of Elementary School certificate, Maria Cardiellos, who is seeking a School Social Worker certificate, Caroline Labin, who is seeking a Reading Specialist certificate, and Mary Ann Ruiz, who is seeking a Substance Awareness Coordinator certificate, were not present at the meeting.

Credentials Review Committee Report

Ms. Gales announced that the case of Patricia Cahill would be removed from the consent list memorializing decisions in credentials review cases from the July 20, 2006 meeting.

Mr. Bohnert made a motion that the Board go into closed session in order to obtain legal advice concerning the cases on the consent list. Mr. Kaplan seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 11:20 A.M.

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

Ms. Gales then made a motion that the Board adopt the remaining cases on the Credentials Review Committee Consent List and Mr. Gay seconded the motion. With Mr. Bohnert, Dr. McNally, Mr. Kaplan, Dr. Saatkamp, Dr. Pfeffer and Ms. Vimislik abstaining, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board adopted the following actions:

Bruce Cohen	Standard Teacher of Mathematics – The Board granted his application for certification.
Michael Cummings	Teacher of Technology Education Certificate of Eligibility – The Board denied his application for certification.

Kevin Lonagan	Standard Industrial Arts – The Board denied his application for certification.
Sharon Pollock	Standard Teacher of French – The Board denied her application for certification.
Maryann Stenta	School Counselor – The Board granted her application for certification.
Beverly Stoskus	School Social Worker – The Board granted her application for certification.
Kennard Weever	Emergency School Counselor Certificate – The Board denied his application for certification.

Ms. Gales moved to amend the proposed decision regarding Patricia Cahill to deny her request for a School Counselor certificate, to give her credits for electives and to require her to take three graduate credits in community agencies and resources. Ms. Cropper seconded the motion, and with Mr. Bohnert, Dr. McNally, Mr. Kaplan, Dr. Saatkamp, Dr. Pfeffer and Ms. Vimislik abstaining, by a vote of 6 to 0, the Board adopted the amended decision.

Legal Committee Report

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

Paul Glass – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Carmen Heyaime – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause seeking a suspension pending the resolution of the current criminal charges against her.

Katarina Karis – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Gerald Luongo – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Adam Mujica – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Scott Peters – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Bryan Scalzo – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Richard Smith – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation, with all attendant consequences, in accord with his plea agreement with the Salem County Prosecutor's Office.

William Conwell – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to him as he is now eligible for public school employment.

Richard Goldstein – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action against his teaching certificate.

Richard Segars – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Wheatonia Jones – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

David LeCompte – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to dismiss the Order to Show Cause that was issued to him as the underlying criminal charges were dismissed.

Jason Sparanelli - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to dismiss the Order to Show Cause that was issued to him as the underlying criminal charges were dismissed.

Michael Blanton – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Sean Carroll – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Timothy Curry – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Norma Diaz – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Angela Leung – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Ricky Scotton – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Luis Serrano – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

Darrell Staton – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block the application for certification.

George Bosco – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to table his appeal and to transfer the matter to the Credentials Review Committee.

Susan Dougherty – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board denied her appeal for certification, as she must meet the current requirements for the certificate.

Anthony Jones – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board denied his appeal for certification, as he must meet the current requirements for the certificate.

Claudio Torres - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to accept the relinquishment of his certificate with the force and effect of a revocation, with all attendant consequence, in accord with his plea agreement with the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

Sopharie Leang – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board rejected the settlement and remanded the matter to the Office of Administrative Law.

Olga Stasiuk – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board modified the recommendation in the Initial Decision and voted to revoke her certificates.

Patricia Fairbanks – With Mr. Gay recusing himself, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the recommendation regarding this case that it had voted on previously.

Craig Brodman – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Joseph Bruno – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Corrado Diamante - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Dominic DiGiacchini - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Michael Gudewitz - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Robert Janiszewski – With Mr. Kaplan abstaining, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Keith Kaufman - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Brian Krieger - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Thomas McNeill - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct.

Daniel Mullay - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Robert Quinn - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Stanley Rogers – With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Arthur Vespignani - By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the nature and level of his conduct and crime.

Brian Weiss – By a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on his disqualification from public school employment pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.*

Mr. Gay made a motion to go into closed session in order to receive legal advice on the matters captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of James Kearney, In the Matter of the Certificates of John Collier* and *In the Matter of the Certificates of Susan Kandell*. Ms. Cropper seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote. The Board went into closed session at 12:17 P.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:39 P.M.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to John Collier in *In the Matter of the Certificates of John Collier* and to issue a new one to him based on his conviction. Ms. Cropper seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to Susan Kandell in *In the Matter of the Certificates of Susan Kandell*. Ms. Cropper seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board vacate the Order to Show Cause that was issued to James Kearney in *In the Matter of the Certificates of James Kearney*. Ms. Cropper seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

The case of John Collins was removed from the legal consent list for further investigation. Mr. Gay made a motion that the Board adopt the matters that were on the legal consent list memorializing the Board's legal decisions from the July 20, 2006 meeting, and Ms. Cropper seconded the motion. The following cases, in which there were no recusals by Board members, were on the legal consent list:

Orders to Show Cause

John Collins
Bruce Engelke
Larry Hill
Allau Jauregui
Marianne Madara
Laurie Rosen
Bernard Saez
Vinette Richardson

Hearings

Allen Harvin – Revoke his certificate
John Lapetina – Revoke his certificate

Other

Kieshea McLeod – Deny her appeal
Rasheedah Tucker – Deny her appeal

Mr. Kaplan made a motion that the Board adopt the written decision modifying the penalty in the Patricia Fairbanks Initial Decision, and Mr. Worman seconded the motion. With Mr. Gay recusing himself, the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

Dr. Higgins welcomed Dr. Saatkamp, Dr. Pfeffer and Ms. Vimislik to the Board. He advised the Board that, for the 2005-06, it opened 222 new legal cases, decided 353 separate legal matters and considered 61 new credentials review cases.

Adjournment

Mr. Gaye made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Kaplan and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

The next scheduled public meeting will be on Thursday, November 2, 2006 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Arlene G. Lutz.

Minutes certified by Robert R. Higgins, Acting Secretary

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