

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
JUDITH MELLER : ORDER OF REVOCATION
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This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Judith Meller as to why her teaching certificates should not be revoked. Meller currently holds a Student Personnel Services certificate, issued in December 1982 and a Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility, issued in October 1993. The Fort Lee Board of Education alleged that Meller, a guidance counselor in the district, had altered and/or deleted student grades on report cards and transcripts submitted to college admissions offices. After investigating the allegations, the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) concluded that Meller, without district approval, directed, authorized and/or implemented alterations to student transcripts. After the teaching certification matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Meller presented a settlement proposal to the Board in which she would relinquish her certificates with the force and effect of a revocation and all attendant consequences pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.8*. After reviewing the settlement proposal, at its meeting of June 16, 2011, the Board of Examiners voted to accept the proposal. Accordingly, on this 16th day of June 2011, Judith Meller's Teacher of Elementary School Certificate of Eligibility and her Student Personnel Services certificate are hereby revoked effective immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Decision:

Date of Mailing: