

**State Board of Examiners
Minutes of Meeting
100 Riverview Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey
January 20, 2005**

Present: Mr. Michael Klavon, Acting Secretary
Ms. Carolyn Labin, Deputy Attorney General
Ms. Joanne Gales, Chair, Credentials Committee
Ms. Ida Bilbow
Mr. Jerome Bohnert
Mr. James Gay
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein
Mr. Richard Kaplan
Mr. William King
Ms. Mary Jane McNally
Dr. Robert Petix
Dr. Stuart Schnur
Mr. Peter Tirri
Ms. Gloria Tunstall

Absent: Assistant Commissioner Richard Ten Eyck, Chair
Dr. Donald Farish, Chair, Legal Committee

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

The minutes of the December 9, 2004 meeting were approved.

Individual Credentials Review-Presentation

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

Connie Pellegrino Condie

School Counselor

Ms. Condie was accompanied by her supervisor, Dr. James Mullanaphy,

Coastal Learning Center, who spoke on her behalf.

Elizabeth Ramos
Elisa Verran

School Social Worker
School Counselor

Yakik Rumley, who is seeking a Supervisor certificate, was not present at the meeting.

Credentials Review Committee Report

Malika Berry	School Social Worker – With Ms. McNally and Dr. Petix abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny her application for certification. The Board granted her partial credit for study in social case work and community organization/public welfare services.
Lynn Coyle	School Social Worker - With Ms. McNally and Dr. Petix abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Gary Goldman	Student Personnel Services - With Ms. McNally and Dr. Petix abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to deny his application for certification. The Board granted him partial credit for the equivalency of coursework for an instructional certificate.
Samuel Karlin	Supervisor - With Ms. McNally and Dr. Petix abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application for certification.
Ellen Kenny	Elementary School Teacher – With Ms. McNally and Dr. Petix abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to grant his application for certification.
Sharon Kramer	Teacher of English as a Second Language – With Ms. McNally and Dr. Petix abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to grant her application for certification.
Robert Lower	Teacher of Mathematics – With Ms. McNally and Dr. Petix abstaining, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Board voted to grant 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:

Joseph Farallo – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

George Featherson – With Dr. Petix recusing himself, by a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Earl Hayes - With Mr. Tirri recusing himself, by a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Joseph White - By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to issue an Order to Show Cause based on the level and nature of the conduct.

Hashim Bennett – With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 11 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block his application for certification.

Timothy Kelly - By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to table the matter in order to obtain additional information.

Jamie Lugo – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Mary Ann Morley – With Mr. Kaplan, Mr. King and Dr. Schnur voting no, by a vote of 9 to 3, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Renata Nicolini – With Mr. Kaplan voting no, by a vote of 11 to 1, the Board voted to take no action to block her application for certification.

Henry Arce – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to deny his appeal because his grade point average failed to meet the regulatory requirement.

Jane Kirshenbaum - By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to deny her appeal because her grade point average failed to meet the regulatory requirement.

Adriana Palmer – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to transfer the case to the Credentials Committee for its review and recommendation.

Ellen Muench – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to dismiss her appeal because it was filed out-of-time.

Gregory Palmer – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to permit him to relinquish his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation.

Otto Krupp – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to deny his application for certification after revocation.

Glen Albright – With Ms. McNally recusing herself, by a vote of 11 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Robert Janowicz – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificates based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

David Salomon – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to revoke his certificate based on the level and nature of the conduct and crime.

Nancy Becker – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge that recommended that her certificate be revoked.

Eric Deering – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge that recommended that no action should be taken against his teaching certificate.

Cesar Escurra – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge that his teaching certificates should be suspended for two years.

Corey Younger – With Mr. Gay and Dr. Petix voting no, by a vote of 10 to 2, the Board voted to modify the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge in the Initial Decision and to suspend his teaching certificates for two years.

Julius Younger – By a vote of 12 to 0, the Board voted to adopt the Initial Decision that recommended that he not receive his standard certificate.

Ms. Bilbow, Acting Chair of the Legal Committee, made a motion to adopt a resolution to go into closed session in order to obtain advice from counsel regarding a current legal matter, *In the Matter of the Certificates of Ernest Chavez*, and Dr. Schnur seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote, and the Board went into Executive Session at 12:19 P.M.

The Board returned to the public session at 12:25 P.M.

Ms. Bilbow made a motion to add to the agenda the case captioned *In the Matter of the Certificates of Ernest Chavez*, which was seconded by Dr. Petix. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Bilbow then made a motion to reject the proposed settlement in *Chavez*, and Dr. Schnur seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

Dr. Schnur made a motion to have the State Board of Examiners send a letter to the New Providence School District regarding the district's employment for three years of a teaching staff member who did not have the appropriate certificate for the position and to send a letter to the Newark School District, which is currently employing a teaching staff member who does not hold certification. Mr. Bohnert seconded the motion, which was carried by a unanimous vote.

New Business

There was no new business.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary distributed to the Board copies of two memoranda. One concerned the organization of the State Board of Examiners, and the second concerned a notice sent to all chief school administrators reminding districts of their responsibility to report when a teaching staff member is removed as the result of unbecoming conduct or criminal charges.

Mr. Klavon advised the Board that the Commissioner will be issuing a report addressing the backlog in issuing certificates.

Dr. Petix made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Schnur and carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 P.M.

The next meeting of the State Board of Examiners is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2005 in the first floor conference room, 100 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

Minutes prepared by Arlene G. Lutz.

Minutes certified by Michael K. Klavon, Acting Secretary

