

Respondent that failure to respond could result in the factual assertions being deemed admitted and the imposition of discipline without a hearing, Respondent declined to file an answer or otherwise respond to the Notice of Charges. Accordingly, the Department has filed the instant Motion, requesting that the factual allegations in the Notice of Charges be deemed admitted and that revocation of Respondent's professional educator certificate be ordered.

In accordance with the Commission's bylaws, a professional educator who fails to respond to the Notice of Charges is in default as provided for in section 35.37 of the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure. 22 Pa. Code §233.13(e)(1)(iii); 1 Pa. Code §35.37. Thus, all relevant facts stated in the Notice of Charges will be deemed admitted. Accordingly, the Commission finds that Respondent did misrepresent to students and parents in Florida that she was affiliated with a non-existent educational foundation, that she was authorized to grant awards on behalf of the foundation, and that certain students had received scholarships from the foundation.

The Commission finds that Respondent's conduct constitutes immorality¹ and warrants revocation of her teaching certificate.

Accordingly, we enter the following:

¹ Immorality has been defined by the Commission as "conduct which offends the morals of a community and is a bad example to the youth whose ideals a professional educator has a duty to foster and elevate." 22 Pa. Code §237.3.

ORDER

AND NOW, this 18th day of January, 2001, upon consideration of the Motion for Judgment on Default filed by the Department of Education and the failure of Respondent to respond thereto, it is hereby ORDERED that the professional certificate issued to Respondent Deborah E. Warren shall be REVOKED.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND
PRACTICES COMMISSION

BY:

Richard D. Hupper
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Carolyn Angelo
Executive Director

Date Mailed:

