

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

In Re: WILLIAM BOYCE

PSPC Docket No. DI-92-02

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

On January 7, 1992, the Department of Education filed with the Commission a Notice of Charges, alleging that William Boyce, who holds a permanent teaching certificate, had engaged in immoral conduct for which his professional certificate should be revoked. The Department averred that the respondent had been dismissed from his employment at Craig House (an approved private school) after he had engaged in "a romantic relationship" and "a physical relationship" with a student enrolled at Craig House. The Department also averred that the respondent "is a danger to the health, safety and welfare of students of this Commonwealth."

On February 13, 1992, the Department filed a Motion for Judgment on Default, averring that the respondent received a copy of the Notice of Charges by certified mail on January 9, 1992. The Department noted that under section 13(a) of the Teacher Certification Law, as amended, 24 P.S. §12-1263(a), an answer and

request for hearing was required to be filed with the Commission no later than February 8, 1992. The respondent has not responded to the Notice of Charges or to the Motion for Judgment on Default.

By letter dated February 21, 1992, the Commission informed the participants, including the respondent, that the Commission would hold a closed meeting to consider the Department's motion and charges invited them to address the Commission. No participant appeared before the Commission.

After consideration of all documents of record, the Commission, by majority vote, determined to grant the Department's motion on the basis that the respondent is deemed in default and to have admitted all relevant facts averred in the Department's motion and Notice of Charges. Therefore, pursuant to section 5(a)(11) of the Teacher Certification Law, as amended, 24 P.S. §12-1255(a)(11), it is hereby ORDERED, this 13th day of March 1992, that the Department shall immediately REVOKE all professional certificates issued to or held by the respondent, William Boyce. Because the respondent is deemed to have admitted that he is a danger to the health, safety and welfare of the students of this Commonwealth, the implementation of the revocation shall occur immediately.

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