

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,</b>	:	
<b>Petitioner,</b>	:	
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<b>v.</b>	:	<b>DOCKET NO. DI-19-076</b>
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<b>GARY BAKER,</b>	:	
<b>Respondent.</b>	:	

**ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION**

On May 14, 2019, the Department of Education (“Department”) filed a Notice of Charges seeking the immediate suspension of Gary Baker’s (“Respondent”) certificates and employment eligibility pursuant to section 9b(a)(1) of the Educator Discipline Act (“Act”). On June 13, 2019, after Respondent failed to timely respond to the Notice of Charges, a panel of members of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) convened a meeting to consider the Department’s request for immediate suspension. By Order dated June 18, 2019, the Commission directed the Department to immediately suspend Respondent’s certificates and employment eligibility.

Pursuant to section 9b(a)(1)(iii) of the Act, the Commission shall direct the Department to immediately lift a suspension upon receipt of certified court documents establishing that the criminal charges have been dismissed or otherwise removed.<sup>1</sup> 24 P.S. § 2070.9b(a)(1)(iii). The Commission is in receipt of a certified letter from the Clerk of Courts of the City and County of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania showing that Respondent has no pending criminal cases or prior criminal convictions.<sup>2</sup> Thus, the Act

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1. The Commission’s bylaws authorize its legal counsel to enter reinstatement orders under this section. See 22 Pa. Code § 233.123(e)(6)(iii).

2. Respondent also provided documentation evidencing that his record was expunged.

mandates Respondent's immediate reinstatement.

Order

AND NOW, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2024, it is hereby Ordered:

1. Pursuant to 24 P.S. § 2070.9b(a)(1)(iii), the Department shall lift the suspension and reinstate Respondent's certificates and eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member, effective on the date of this Order.
2. The Department may pursue discipline against Respondent on other available grounds if it determines that such action is warranted. 24 P.S. § 2070.9b(b).

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