COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,

Petitioner,

v. : DOCKET NO. DI-19-179

:

NATHANIEL PYFROM, :

Respondent.

ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION

On October 8, 2019, the Department of Education (Department) filed a Notice of Charges seeking the immediate suspension of Nathaniel Pyfrom's (Respondent) certificates and employment eligibility pursuant to section 9b(a)(1) of the Educator Discipline Act (Act). By Order dated December 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.¹ 24 P.S. § 2070.9b(a)(1)(iii). The Commission is in receipt of certified court documents showing that the charge that formed the basis of the immediate suspension was dismissed or otherwise removed. Thus, the Act mandates Respondent's immediate reinstatement.

Order

AND NOW, this 15th day of March 2024, it is hereby Ordered:

^{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).

 Pursuant to 24 P.S. § 2070.9b(a)(1)(iii), the Department shall immediately 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.

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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Date Mailed: March 15, 2024