COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, : Petitioner, :

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v. : PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-23-124

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JEREMY REED,

Respondent. :

ORDER ACCEPTING SURRENDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) on the parties' Joint Motion for Entry of Order. The Motion requests that the Commission accept the surrender of the certificates and employment eligibility of Jeremy Reed (Respondent) in resolution of an educator misconduct complaint filed against him. The Motion was presented to the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 22, 2024. After careful consideration, the Commission enters this Order accepting Respondent's surrender.

Background

Respondent holds an Administrative I certificate in the area of Principal PK-12 and an Instructional II certificate in the areas of Safety Ed/Driver Ed 7-12 and Social Studies 7-12. At all times relevant, Respondent was employed by the Southeastern Greene School District as a teacher. On March 3, 2023, an educator misconduct complaint was filed with the Department of Education (Department) alleging that Respondent engaged in professional misconduct at school. As required by the Educator Discipline Act (Act), the Department provided written notice to Respondent of the legal sufficiency of the complaint and of its determination that there was probable cause to believe that grounds for discipline existed. 24 P.S. § 2070.9(e).

On November 8, 2023, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender his certificates and employment eligibility. (Motion for Entry of Order, Ex. 2). On November 27, 2023, the Department filed a Joint Motion for Entry of Order requesting that the Commission accept Respondent's surrender in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings.

Surrender

Pursuant to the Act, surrender shall mean the termination by consent of a certificate or employment eligibility. 24 P.S. § 2070.1b. Surrender of a certificate or employment eligibility constitutes discipline. <u>Id</u>. The Act authorizes the Commission to accept the surrender of Respondent's certificates and employment eligibility.

Order

AND NOW, this 2nd day of February 2024, upon consideration of the Joint Motion for Entry of Order, it is hereby Ordered:

- The Motion is granted, and the Commission accepts the surrender of Respondent's certificates and eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member.
- Respondent's certificates and eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member are, therefore, terminated effective on the date of this Order.
- The acceptance by the Commission of the surrender of Respondent's certificates
 and employment eligibility shall constitute the imposition of discipline against
 Respondent.
- 4. Respondent is not eligible to be employed in a school entity in a position

- requiring certification or as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member, or eligible for any certificate.
- Pursuant to the parties' settlement agreement, the Commission shall not reinstate Respondent's certificates and employment eligibility.
- 6. The educator misconduct complaint filed against Respondent is resolved.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By:

Myron Yoder

Chairperson Pro Tempore

Attest:

Shane F. Crosby Executive Director

Date Mailed: February 2, 2024