

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,	:	
Petitioner,	:	
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v.	:	PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-17-109
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RUSSELL CARAWAN,	:	
Respondent.	:	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the parties’ December 19, 2017 Joint Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks approval of Respondent’s Affidavit of Surrender.

Respondent holds an Educational Specialist I Pennsylvania certificate in the areas of Elementary School Counselor K-6 and Secondary School Counselor 7-12. On or about July 7, 2017, the Department of Education (“Department”) filed a Notice of Charges against Respondent alleging that he engaged in boundary violations with several female students while employed as a counselor with Saucon Valley School District. Prior to a hearing, Respondent agreed to surrender his educator certification and employment eligibility. Attached to the Joint Motion for Entry of Order is an Affidavit signed by Respondent evidencing his voluntary surrender. Pursuant to the Educator Discipline Act, surrender of a certificate and/or employment eligibility constitutes discipline. 24 P.S. § 2070.1b. The parties have filed the instant Motion requesting that the Commission enter an order accepting Respondent’s Affidavit of Surrender in resolution of the disciplinary matter.

Accordingly, we enter the following:

ORDER

AND NOW, this 28th day of February, 2018, upon consideration of the parties' Joint Motion for Entry of Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the Joint Motion for Entry of Order is GRANTED and the educator certification and employment eligibility to serve as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or a contracted educational provider staff member of RUSSELL CARAWAN is SURRENDERED in accordance with the foregoing Memorandum and Respondent's Affidavit of Surrender. This Order is effective IMMEDIATELY.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND
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By: _____
Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore

Attest: _____
Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: February 28, 2018