

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Petitioner,**

v.

**HOLLY M. AMSTERDAM,
Respondent.**

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PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-19-071

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) December 12, 2019 Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks approval of the parties’ Settlement Agreement.

Respondent holds an Instructional I Pennsylvania teaching certificate in the area of Elementary K-6 and a Private School Teacher certificate in the area of Nursery/Kindergarten N-K. On May 2, 2019, the Department filed a Notice of Charges alleging that Respondent was convicted of DUI: Highest Rate of Alcohol (BAC .16+)-2nd Offense and DUI: Highest Rate of Alcohol (BAC.16+) 3rd Offense in Chester County, Pennsylvania on March 10, 2016, as a result of driving under the influence on July 18, 2015 and October 13, 2015. The parties have entered into a Settlement Agreement wherein they agree to resolve all matters contained in the Notice of Charges with the indefinite suspension of Respondent’s educator certification and employment eligibility. The Department urges the Commission to approve the Settlement Agreement.

The Commission will approve a settlement agreement if the Commission deems it to be fair and just and the interests of all the parties and the public interest have been considered. In the instant case, after careful consideration of the Department’s Motion

for Entry of Order and the parties' Settlement Agreement, the Commission finds that an indefinite suspension is a proportionate and reasonable settlement of the disciplinary charges and, accordingly, enters the following:

ORDER

AND NOW, this 31st day of January 2020, upon consideration of the Department of Education's Motion for Entry of Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED and the Department is hereby directed to SUSPEND the educator certification and eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or a contracted educational provider staff member of HOLLY M. AMSTERDAM in accordance with the foregoing Memorandum the parties' Settlement Agreement. To have the suspension of her educator certification and employment eligibility lifted, Respondent must apply to the Commission for an order lifting the suspension pursuant to 24 P.S. § 2070.16. This Order is effective IMMEDIATELY.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND
PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 

Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore

Attest: 

Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: January 31, 2020