

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
Petitioner,**

**v.**

**JOAN W. CHALKER,  
Respondent.**

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**PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-19-206**

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) December 30, 2019 Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks approval of Respondent’s Affidavit of Surrender.

Respondent holds an Instructional II Pennsylvania teaching certificate in the areas of English 7-12 and Social Studies 7-12, and an Administrative II certificate in the area of Secondary Principal 7-12. On December 3, 2019, the Department filed a Notice of Charges and Motion for Summary Judgment pursuant to section 9b(a)(2) of the Educator Discipline Act (“Act”) following Respondent’s convictions for the federal crimes of Tampering with a Witness, Victim or Informant and Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records in Federal Investigations and Bankruptcy. On December 30, 2019, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender her educator certification and her employment eligibility. Pursuant to the Act, surrender of a certificate and/or employment eligibility constitutes discipline. 24 P.S. § 2070.1b. The Department has 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 31st day of January 2020, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Order filed by the Department of Education, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion 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 JOAN W. CHALKER is SURRENDERED in accordance with the foregoing Memorandum and Respondent's Affidavit of Surrender. This Order is effective IMMEDIATELY.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND  
PRACTICES COMMISSION

By:



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Myron Yoder  
Chairperson Pro Tempore

Attest:



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Shane F. Crosby  
Executive Director

Date Mailed: January 31, 2020