

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

<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,</b>	:	
<b>Petitioner,</b>	:	
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<b>v.</b>	:	<b>PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-19-214</b>
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<b>RICHARD A. THOMPSON,</b>	:	
<b>Respondent.</b>	:	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) January 4, 2020 Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks approval of Respondent’s Affidavit of Surrender.

Respondent holds a Vocational Intern Certificate in the area of Building Construction Trades 7-12. He was also issued a Day-to-Day Substitute Emergency Permit in the area of All Vocational Areas 7-12 and a LT Sub Emergency Permit with Educational Obligation in the area of Building Trades Maintenance 7-12. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed by the Milton Area School District as a building trades teacher. On December 12, 2019, the Department filed a Notice of Charges alleging that Respondent engaged in unprofessional behavior in the classroom. On December 26, 2019, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender his educator certification and his employment eligibility. Pursuant to the Educator Discipline 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 RICHARD A. THOMPSON 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