

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Petitioner,**

v.

**JENNIFER M. GOCK,
Respondent.**

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PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-19-219

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) December 20, 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 Elementary K-6 and Special Education PK-12. Respondent was employed by the Philadelphia City School District as a teacher until her resignation on October 20, 2019. On June 25, 2018, an educator misconduct complaint was filed with the Department alleging that Respondent is the subject of an indicated report of child abuse as a result of choking a 7-year-old special education student. On October 17, 2019, a second educator misconduct complaint was filed alleging that Respondent has been charged with numerous drug-related offenses as a result of selling cocaine to an undercover officer on multiple occasions. On December 3, 2019, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender her educator certification and her 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 JENNIFER M. GOCK 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: 

Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore

Attest: 

Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: January 31, 2020