

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
Petitioner,**

**v.**

**CATHY M. THOMAS,  
Respondent.**

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**PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-19-221**

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) December 26, 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 area of Home Economics K-12, and an Administrative certificate in the area of Vocational Admin Director 7-12. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed by the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center as the Assistant Director. On May 6, 2015, an educator misconduct complaint was filed with the Department alleging that Respondent failed to investigate or report allegations of misconduct involving a classroom instructor. A second complaint was filed on July 23, 2015 alleging that Respondent failed to report allegations of sexual misconduct involving an educator and was criminally charged with Failure to Report or Refer and Disorderly Conduct as a result. On December 17, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 CATHY M. THOMAS 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