

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,	:	
Petitioner,	:	
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v.	:	PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-19-222
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RONALD C. PALMER,	:	
Respondent.	:	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) December 27, 2019 Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks approval of Respondent’s Affidavit of Surrender.

Respondent holds an Instructional I Pennsylvania teaching certificate in the areas of Mathematics 7-12 and Driver Education 7-12. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed by the Hanover Public School District (“District”) as a substitute teacher and coach. On December 29, 2014, an educator misconduct complaint was filed with the Department alleging that Respondent inappropriately interacted with and touched students, texted students, and had inappropriate content on his District-issued Chromebook, which was accessible to students. On December 10, 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 RONALD C. PALMER is SURRENDERED in accordance with the foregoing Memorandum and Respondent's Affidavit of Surrender. This Order is effective IMMEDIATELY.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND
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By:



Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore

Attest:



Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: January 31, 2020