# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, : Petitioner, :

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v. : PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-21-021

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WILLIAM WEAVER, :

Respondent. :

## ORDER ACCEPTING SURRENDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission ("Commission") on the Department of Education's ("Department") Motion for Entry of Order. The Motion requests that the Commission accept the surrender of the certificates and employment eligibility of William Weaver ("Respondent") in resolution of educator misconduct complaints filed against him. The Motion was presented to the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 15, 2021. After careful consideration, the Commission enters this Order accepting Respondent's surrender.

#### BACKGROUND

Respondent currently holds an Intern certificate in the area of Career and Technical Instruction 7-12, a Career and Technical Instruction II certificate in the areas of Cooperative Ed. 7-12, Carpentry 7-12 and Career and Technical Instruction 7-12, an Administrative certificate in the area of Career and Technical Admin Director 7-12, and a letter of Bachelor's Equivalency. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed as the Director of Clearfield County Career and Technology Center.

On May 19 and July 23, 2015, educator misconduct complaints were filed with the Department alleging that Respondent failed to investigate and report allegations of sexual misconduct and was, as a result, criminally charged with Failure to Report or Refer and Disorderly Conduct. As required by the Educator Discipline Act ("Act"), the Department provided written notice to Respondent of the legal sufficiency of the complaints and of its determination that there was probable cause to believe that grounds for discipline existed. 24 P.S. § 2070.9(e).

On February 22, 2021, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender his certificates and employment eligibility. (Motion for Entry of Order, Ex. 1). On March 4, 2021, the Department filed a Motion for Entry of Order requesting that the Commission accept Respondent's surrender in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings.

#### SURRENDER

Pursuant to the Act, surrender shall mean the termination by consent of a certificate or employment eligibility. 24 P.S. § 2070.1b. Surrender of a certificate or employment eligibility constitutes discipline. <u>Id</u>. The Act authorizes the Commission to accept the surrender of Respondent's certificate and employment eligibility.

### **ORDER**

AND NOW, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Order filed by the Department of Education, it is hereby Ordered:

- The Motion is granted, and the Commission accepts the surrender of Respondent's certificates and his eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member.
- Respondent's certificates and his eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member are, therefore, terminated effective on the date of this Order.

 The acceptance by the Commission of the surrender of Respondent's certificates and employment eligibility shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent.

4. Respondent is not eligible to be employed in a school entity in a position requiring certification or as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member, or eligible for any certificate until his certificates and employment eligibility are reinstated in accordance with the Act.

5. The educator misconduct complaints filed against Respondent are resolved.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By:

Myron Yoder

Chairperson Pro Tempore

Attest:

Shane F. Crosby

**Executive Director** 

Date Mailed: March 22, 2021