

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,	:	
Petitioner,	:	
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v.	:	PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-23-092
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AMY NAPIERKOWSKI (BARCH),	:	
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 certificate and employment eligibility of Amy Napierkowski (Barch) (Respondent) in resolution of an Order to Show Cause. The Motion was presented to the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 22, 2024. After careful consideration, the Commission enters this Order accepting Respondent’s surrender.

Background

Respondent holds an Instructional I certificate in the area of English 7-12. Respondent also held a teaching certificate issued by the Virginia Department of Education. At all times relevant, Respondent was employed by the Warren County Public Schools in Virginia. By Order dated March 23, 2017, the Virginia Board of Education revoked Respondent’s Virginia teaching certificate as a result of allegations she engaged in a sexual relationship with a minor student. On September 1, 2023, the Department issued to Respondent an Order to Show Cause seeking reciprocal discipline pursuant to section 9e of the Educator Discipline Act (Act), 24 P.S. §

2070.9e.¹

On October 31, 2023, the Department received an Affidavit, signed by Respondent on July 8, 2023, agreeing to surrender her certificate and employment eligibility. (Motion for Entry of Order, Ex. 1). On December 15, 2023, 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. Id. The Act authorizes the Commission to accept the surrender of Respondent's certificate and employment eligibility.

Order

AND NOW, this 2nd day of February 2024, upon consideration of the Department's Motion for Entry of Order, it is hereby Ordered:

1. The Motion is granted, and the Commission accepts the surrender of Respondent's certificate and eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member.
2. Respondent's certificate and eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member are,

1. Section 9e of the Act provides that upon receipt of a certified copy of an adjudication from the appropriate licensing authority in another state, territory or nation imposing discipline for grounds that are comparable to the grounds for discipline under the Act, the Department may issue an order directing that the educator show cause why the imposition of identical or comparable discipline in this Commonwealth would be unwarranted. 24 P.S. § 2070.9e(a).

therefore, terminated effective on the date of this Order.

3. The acceptance by the Commission of the surrender of Respondent's certificate 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 her certificate and employment eligibility are reinstated in accordance with the Act.
5. The Order to Show Cause issued to Respondent is resolved.

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By:



Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore



Attest:

Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: February 2, 2024