

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,	:	
Petitioner,	:	
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v.	:	PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-24-006
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MICHAEL J. FEIFEL,	:	
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 Michael J. Feifel (Respondent) in resolution of an educator misconduct complaint filed against him. 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 II certificate in the areas of Social Studies 7-12 and Ment and/or Phys Handicapped K-12. At all times relevant, Respondent was employed by the Leighton Area School District as a teacher. On July 5, 2023, an educator misconduct complaint was filed with the Department alleging that Respondent was charged with Unlawful Contact with Minor, Criminal Use of a Communication Facility, and Patronizing Prostitutes. By Order dated September 25, 2023, the Commission directed the Department to immediately suspend Respondent’s certificate and employment eligibility based upon the criminal charges.

On January 4, 2024, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender his

certificate and employment eligibility. (Motion for Entry of Order, Ex. 2). On January 5, 2024, 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 Educator Discipline Act (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, 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 his certificate and employment eligibility are reinstated in accordance with the Act.

5. The educator misconduct complaint filed against Respondent is resolved.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 

Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore



Attest: _____
Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: February 2, 2024