

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Petitioner,**

v.

**JOSEPH R. GEIER,
Respondent.**

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PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-12-139

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (“Commission”) upon the Department of Education’s (“Department”) September 14, 2012, Motion for Entry of Order, which seeks acknowledgment of the Respondent’s surrender of his Pennsylvania professional educator certification and requests dismissal of the instant disciplinary action.

On August 7, 2012, the Commission received notification that the state of Florida had permanently revoked Respondent’s educator certification based on allegations of inappropriate relationships with students and accessing inappropriate materials on his school computer. The Commission issued on August 8, 2012, an Order to Show Cause why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed against the Respondent’s Instructional I Pennsylvania teaching certificate in the area of Communications 7-12 pursuant to P.S. §2070.

In response to the Order to Show Cause, the Respondent tendered an Affidavit of Surrender confirming his agreement to relinquish his Pennsylvania professional educator certification. In consideration of the Department’s Motion for Entry of Order

and the Respondent's Affidavit of Surrender, the Commission has decided to grant the Motion and, accordingly, enters the following:

ORDER

AND NOW, this ____23rd____ day of January, 2013, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Order filed by the Department of Education, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion for Entry of Order is GRANTED and the professional educator certification and the eligibility to be employed in a charter or cyber charter school of Respondent JOSEPH R. GEIER is declared SURRENDERED IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND
PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: _____
Gilbert R. Griffiths
Chairperson

Attest: _____
Carolyn Angelo
Executive Director

Date Mailed: January 23, 2013