

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Petitioner,**

v.

**ALEXANDER BOLAR,
Respondent.**

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PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-20-080

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”). The Motion requests that the Commission accept the surrender of the certificate and employment eligibility of Alexander Bolar (“Respondent”) in resolution of an educator misconduct complaint filed against him. The Commission heard the Motion at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 23, 2020. After careful consideration, the Commission enters this Order accepting Respondent’s surrender.

BACKGROUND

Respondent holds a Military Science teaching certificate in the area of Military Science 7-12. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed by the Pottstown School District as a junior ROTC instructor.

On March 18, 2015, an educator misconduct complaint was filed with the Department alleging that Respondent made inappropriate comments to female students. As required by the Educator Discipline Act (“Act”), the Department provided written notice to Respondent of the legal sufficiency of the complaint and of its determination that there was probable cause to believe that grounds for discipline existed. 24 P.S. § 2070.9(e).

On July 29, 2020, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender his certificate and employment eligibility. (Motion for Entry of Order, Ex. 1). On September 15, 2020, 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 23rd day of December 2020, upon consideration of the Motion for Entry of Order filed by the Department of Education, it is hereby Ordered:

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

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By:



Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore



Attest:

Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: December 23, 2020