COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,	:	
Petitioner,	:	
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v.	:	**PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-23-120**
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HANNAH E. MARTH,	:	
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 Hannah E. Marth (Respondent) in resolution of educator misconduct complaints filed against her. The Motion was presented to the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 6, 2023. After careful consideration, the Commission enters this Order accepting Respondent's surrender.

Background

Respondent holds an Instructional I certificate in the areas of Special Education PK-8 and Grades PK-4. On February 16 and April 14, 2023, educator misconduct complaints were filed with the Department alleging that Respondent engaged in a sexual relationship with a student and, as a result, was criminally charged in Northampton County, Pennsylvania with Institutional Sexual Assault, 18 Pa.C.S. § 3124.2(a.2)(1).[1] 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

1. Respondent pled guilty to the charge on September 27, 2023, and is awaiting sentencing.

existed. 24 P.S. § 2070.9(e).

On October 18, 2023, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender her certificate and employment eligibility. (Motion for Entry of Order, Ex. 1). On October 20, 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 22nd day of November 2023, 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 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.
5. Pursuant to 24 P.S. § 2070.16(b), the Commission shall not reinstate Respondent's certificate and employment eligibility.
6. The educator misconduct complaints filed against Respondent are resolved.

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By: 

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Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore



Attest:_____
Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: November 22, 2023