

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Petitioner,**

v.

**GAVIN M. SHETLER,
Respondent.**

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PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-24-085

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 Gavin M. Shetler (Respondent) in resolution of an educator misconduct complaint filed against him. The Motion was presented to the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 18, 2024. After careful consideration, the Commission enters this Order accepting Respondent's surrender.

Background

Respondent holds a Career and Technical Intern certificate in the area of Network Systems Technology 7-12. On August 22, 2024, an educator misconduct complaint was filed with the Department alleging that Respondent brought a marijuana vape pen to school and allowed students to use it in his classroom, gave one student a THC gummy edible in class, and was generally inappropriate with students. The complaint also alleged that Respondent was, as a result, criminally charged with Manufacture, Delivery or Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver a Controlled Substance and Corruption of Minors. 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 September 23, 2024, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender his certificate and employment eligibility. (Motion for Entry of Order, Ex. 1). On October 8, 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 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 5th day of December 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.

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By:

Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore

Attest:

Shane F. Crosby
Executive Director

Date Mailed: December 5, 2024