COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,	:	
Petitioner,	:	
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v.	:	**PSPC DOCKET NO. DI-25-065**
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MICHELLE MERCOGLIANO,	:	
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 certificates[1] and employment eligibility of Michelle Mercogliano ("Respondent") in resolution of an educator misconduct complaint filed against her. The Motion was presented to the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 14, 2025. After careful consideration, the Commission enters this Order accepting Respondent's surrender.

Background

Respondent holds an Instructional II certificate in the areas of English 7-12, Special Education 7-12, Grades PK-4, and Special Education PK-8. Respondent was issued an Emergency Permit: Day-to-Day Substitute in the area of All Subject Areas PK-12. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed by Tredyffrin/Easttown School District. On May 8, 2025, an educator misconduct complaint was filed with the Department alleging that Respondent was charged with Institutional Sexual Assault; Unlawful Contact with a Minor – Sexual Offenses; Endangering the Welfare of Children; Corruption of Minors; Manufacture, Delivery, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver; and Criminal Use of a Communication Facility. The underlying

[1] As defined in the Educator Discipline Act. 24 P.S. § 2070.1b.

allegations are that Respondent engaged in a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old student and bought the student marijuana. 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. *See* 24 P.S. § 2070.9(e).

On June 5, 2025, Respondent signed an Affidavit agreeing to surrender her certificates and employment eligibility. (Motion for Entry of Order, Ex. 1.) On June 18, 2025, 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 certificates and employment eligibility.

Order

AND NOW, this 4th day of August 2025, 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 certificates and eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member.
2. Respondent's certificates 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 certificates 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 certificates and employment eligibility.
6. The educator misconduct complaint filed against Respondent is resolved.

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By: 

Myron Yoder
Chairperson Pro Tempore

Attest: 

Amber Lee Czerniakowski
Executive Director

Date Mailed: August 4, 2025