

**THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**IN RE THE MATTER OF  
BLAKE BARROW  
JULY 9, 2020**

**LICENSURE ACTION  
CASE NO.:  
LA-20-03**

At its regular meeting on July 9, 2020, the Arkansas State Board of Education (“Board”) considered the matter of Blake Barrow (“Educator Barrow”) concerning a revocation for cause. Based upon the evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq., the Board hereby states as follows:

**I. Findings of Fact:**

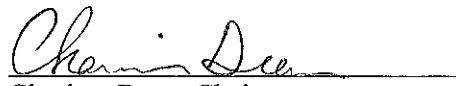
- a. The Division received information that Blake Barrow (Educator Barrow) had his Missouri license revoked in 2018. Under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c), the state board shall not issue a first-time license or renew an existing license and shall revoke an existing license not up for renewal for cause. Cause means revocation of a license in another state.
- b. Educator Barrow was notified of the revocation, and had thirty (30) days to request a waiver hearing on the revocation of his license.
- c. Educator Barrow requested a hearing regarding the revocation of his license.
- d. The Board considered:
  - i. The educator’s age at the time of the offense;
  - ii. The circumstances surrounding the offense;
  - iii. The length of time since the offense;
  - iv. The educator’s subsequent work history;
  - v. The educator’s employment and character references; and
  - vi. Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of school children or school personnel.

- e. A motion was made to put Educator Barrow on probation for two years and to prohibit him from teaching Special Education in Arkansas on an ALP starting when this order is signed. The motion carried.

## II. Conclusions of Law

- a. The State Board of Education may consider the enumerated offenses as a disqualification for licensing. See Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-410(c), 6-17-410(d) (A)(5) and 6-17-411. This includes offenses which have been expunged, sealed, and pardoned by the governor.
- b. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the meeting and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-410 and 25-15-201 et seq., Educator Barrow is on probation for 2 years and cannot teach Special Education in Arkansas on an ALP.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
Charisse Dean, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education