

**THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**IN RE THE MATTER OF:  
JESSICA NICOLE MILLER  
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

**PLSB CASE NO. 19-186**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER**

At its regular meeting on February 13, 2020, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) accepted the recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Hearing Subcommittee (Hearing Subcommittee) for disciplinary action against the teaching license of Jessica Nicole Miller (Educator Miller). Based upon Educator Miller's acceptance of the Hearing Subcommittee's recommendation and 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 Arkansas Department of Education issued Educator Miller a provisional teaching license on August 1, 2017, valid until July 31, 2019.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Miller violated the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § § 6-17-422 and 6-17-428.
- c. On January 24, 2020, the Hearing Subcommittee, accepted, through agreement of the parties, that Educator Miller violated Standard 1: an educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside of the classroom; and Standard 2: an educator maintains competence regarding his or her professional practice, inclusive of skills, knowledge, dispositions, and responsibilities relating to

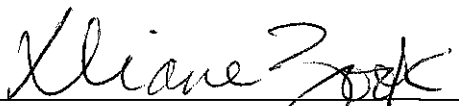
his or her organizational position by allowing inappropriate interactions with students.

- d. The Hearing Subcommittee recommends that the State Board take the following actions:
  1. Permanent Revocation of License;
  2. Assess a \$500 fine
- e. Prior to the evidentiary hearing, Educator Miller, through her attorney, voluntarily consented to the revocation of her license on January 24, 2020. (Exhibit A) thereby waiving her right to any further notice, hearing, or any other rights she may have under the Administrative Procedure Act, including those rights set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-15-211 and 25-15-212.
- f. At today's meeting, the Hearing Subcommittee's recommendation and supporting documentation were presented to the Board as part of its consent agenda.

## **II. Conclusions of Law**

- a. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the meeting, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-401, 6-17-422, 6-17-428 and 25-15-201 et seq., and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators, the Board adopts the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendations, and enacts the sanctions accordingly.
- b. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Miller's professional licensure file and the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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Diane Zook, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education

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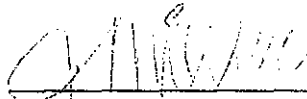
**JESSICA NICOLE MILLER**

**CONSENT TO THE PERMANENT REVOCATION  
OF MY ARKANSAS EDUCATOR'S LICENSE**

1. I, Jessica Nicole Miller, voluntarily surrender my Arkansas educator's license and any right to apply for renewal.
2. I understand that an educator's license means a teaching license and/or administrator's license.
3. I acknowledge and understand that I **cannot** apply for an educator's license in Arkansas **at any time** in the future.
4. I **shall not** apply for an educator's license **at any time** in the future.
5. I acknowledge and understand that an educator's license **shall not** be issued to me **at any time** in the future.
6. I acknowledge and understand that the State Board of Education's acceptance of the surrender of my educator's license will result in its **PERMANENT REVOCATION** because Arkansas law has no provision for the mere surrender of an educator's license.
7. I acknowledge and understand that the Department of Education reports revocation of an educator's license to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse, which is a national database consulted by other states' licensure units.
8. I waive all rights I may have to any further notice, hearing, or appeal under the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq and ACT 628 of 2019.
9. I am  I am not  represented by legal counsel in this matter.

Date:

1/24/2020

  
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Jessica Nicole Miller

**VERIFICATION**

State of Arkansas

County of Polk

On this the 24 day of January, 2020, before me, the undersigned notary, personally appeared Jessica Nicole Miller known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

04.15.2028  
My Commission Expires

SHASTADY WAGNER  
LONOKE COUNTY  
NOTARY PUBLIC - ARKANSAS  
My Commission Expires October 15, 2028  
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