THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN RE THE MATTER OF: JOSHUA CAMERON JANUARY 10, 2019

LICENSURE ACTION CASE NO.: LA-18-017

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

At its regular meeting on January 10, 2019, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) heard the request to revoke the teaching license of Joshua Cameron pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c). Based upon the evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq., the Board hereby states as follows:

I. Findings of Fact

- a. Educator Cameron holds a teaching license that expired December 31, 2017.
- b. The Department received information on January 5, 2017, that Joshua Cameron(Educator Cameron) had a true finding in the Child Maltreatment Central Registry.
- c. On July 17, 2018, the Department notified Educator Cameron that he was ineligible for licensure and employment in Arkansas public school pursuant to Ark. Code Annotated § 6-17-410 et seq. Additionally, the Department notified Educator Cameron of his right to request that the Board waive his disqualification.
- d. Educator Cameron did not request a waiver hearing.
- e. The Department recommended revocation of Educator Cameron's license.
- f. The Board considered:
 - i. The educator's age at the time of the offense;

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- 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;
- vi. Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of school children or school personnel; and
- vii. Other relevant evidence.
- g. A motion was made to revoke Educator Cameron's teaching license. The Board's vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

II. Conclusions of Law

- a. The State Board of Education may consider a true report in the Child Maltreatment Central Registry or certain 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., the Arkansas State Board of Education grants the Department's recommendation to revoke Educator Cameron's teaching license.
- c. Joshua Cameron's Arkansas teaching license is hereby permanently revoked.
- d. This Order shall become a permanent entry in the licensure file of the educator.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dr. Jay Barth, Chair

Arkansas State Board of Education