## THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN RE THE MATTER OF: VICTOR M. JACKSON MARCH 8, 2018

LICENSURE ACTION 18-004

## FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

At its regular meeting on March 8, 2018, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) heard the request to revoke the teaching license of Victor M. Jackson pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c). Based upon the testimony and 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. The Department received information that on November 9, 2017, Victor M. Jackson (Educator Jackson), was found guilty Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I/II, Excluding Meth/Cocaine, which is a disqualifying offense for teacher licensing under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c).
- b. Educator Jackson was notified that he was found guilty of a disqualifying offense, and had thirty (30) days to request a waiver hearing on the revocation of his license.
- c. Educator Jackson requested a hearing regarding the revocation of his license.
- d. The Department recommended that the Board revoke Educator Jackson's request for a waiver of the disqualifying offense.
- e. 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;

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.

f. A motion was made to revoke Educator Jackson's teaching license. 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 Jackson's

teaching license.

c. Victor M. Jackson'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

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