

THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**IN RE THE MATTER OF:
JAIME FAYE NELSON
JANUARY 11, 2018**

PLSB CASE NO. 17-124

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

At its regular meeting on January 11, 2018, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) accepted the surrender and revocation of the license of Jaime Faye Nelson (Educator Nelson). The Board finds that the voluntary surrender of Educator Nelson's license should be acknowledged and her license should be permanently revoked 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 Arkansas Department of Education issued Educator Nelson a non-traditional two-year teaching license on August 1, 2016, valid until July 31, 2018.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Nelson violated the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators (Code of Ethics) promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § § 6-17-422, and 6-17-428. Specifically, the form alleged that Educator

Nelson violated Standard 1: An educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside 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. Educator Nelson was notified on January 18, 2017, of the Ethics Subcommittee's authorization on January 17, 2017 to investigate allegations that she:

- Inappropriately communicated with student(s) via social media and/or text messaging;
 - Inappropriately had student(s) over at educator's home for a non-school related purpose;
 - Engaged in Standard 1 Sexual Abuse of a student as defined by A.C.A. §6-17-428;
 - Had/attempted to have sexual contact, or similar, with student(s) on school premises; and
 - Made inappropriate comments/had conversations of a sexual nature in a classroom with student(s).
- c. On November 29, 2017, Educator Nelson voluntarily surrendered her license with the understanding that Arkansas law does not have a provision for the mere surrender of a license and, therefore, the surrender of a license will result in its permanent revocation.

- d. Educator Nelson has waived her right to any notice, hearing, and any other rights she might be entitled to under the Administrative Procedure Act including those set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-15-211 and 212.
- e. Educator Nelson's surrender is evidenced by the signed consent attached to this order.

II. Conclusions of Law

- a. The Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-208 (b), provides for the resolution of this matter by consent order.
- b. The Board voted unanimously to accept the surrender of Educator Nelson's license.
- c. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Nelson's professional licensure file, and the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Dr. Jay Barth, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education

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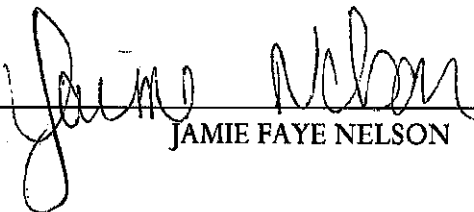
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**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER AND PERMANENT REVOCATION
OF ARKANSAS EDUCATOR'S LICENSE**

Please initial each statement

1. JN I, Jamie Faye Nelson, acknowledge that A.C.A. § 6-17-410(c) provides that the State Board of Education shall not issue or renew and shall revoke the license of any person who pleads guilty or no contest to, or is convicted of, certain enumerated offenses.
2. JN I, further acknowledge that on October 30, 2017, I pled guilty to Sexual Assault in the First Degree (A.C.A. 5-14-124), a Class A Felony, enumerated in A.C.A. § 6-17-410(c)(9). (See attached Sentencing Order filed November 1, 2017)
3. JN I, therefore, voluntarily surrender my Arkansas educator's license and any right to apply for renewal.
4. JN I understand that an educator's license means a teaching license and/or an administrator's license.

5. I acknowledge and understand that I cannot apply for an educator's license in Arkansas at any time in the future.
6. I shall not apply for an educator's license in Arkansas at any time in the future.
7. I acknowledge and understand that an educator's license shall not be issued to me at any time in the future.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. I am / I am not represented by legal counsel in this matter.



JAMIE FAYE NELSON

Date: 11-29-12

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Arkansas, County of Franklin

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of November, 20

2017, by: Jaime Nelson to be his/her free act

and deed.

Carla Wise
Signature of Notary Public

Carla Wise
Printed Name of Notary

My commission expires: 2/17/27

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