

**THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**IN RE THE MATTER OF:  
CAMILLA LYNN TURNER  
NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

**PLSB CASE NO. 17-142**

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

At its regular meeting on November 9, 2017, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) accepted the recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee (Ethics Subcommittee) for disciplinary action against the teaching license of Camilla Lynn Turner (Educator Turner). Based upon Educator Turner's acceptance of the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation and 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. The Arkansas Department of Education issued Educator Turner a standard five-year teaching license on January 1, 2013, valid until December 31, 2017.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Turner 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.

- c. On February 6, 2017, the Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into allegations that Educator Turner 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.
- d. On February 7, 2017, Educator Turner was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's authorization to investigate the allegations.
- e. After considering the investigator's report and evidence on July 10, 2017, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found that reasonable belief existed to substantiate violations of Standards 1 and 2 in that Educator Turner:
  - Engaged in the smoking of marijuana with students on and/or off campus on one, or multiple occasions; and
  - Permitted students to smoke marijuana in her presence.

The Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the Board permanently revoke Educator Turner's license.

- f. Educator Turner was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation on July 10, 2017, by certified and

regular mail.

- g. On July 19, 2017, Educator Turner rejected the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation and requested an evidentiary hearing.
- h. On October 12, 2017, Educator Turner withdrew her request for an evidentiary hearing, and accepted the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation, thereby waiving her right to any additional notices or any other rights she might have under the Administrative Procedure Act including those rights set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-15-211 and 25-15-212.
- i. At today's meeting, the Ethics 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 and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-401, 6-17-422, 6-17-428 and 25-15-201 et seq., and the Code of Ethics, the Board adopts the recommendations of the Ethics Subcommittee.
- b. Accordingly, the Board orders permanent revocation of Educator Turner's license.
- c. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Turner's professional

licensure file and the confidential files of the Professional Licensure  
Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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Dr. Jay Barth, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education