

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APRIL 13, 2017**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER  
IN RE CORRIE B. LANGFORD, PLSB CASE NO. 17-067**

At its regular meeting on April 13, 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 Corrie Brooke Langford ("Educator Langford"). Educator Langford did not respond to the Ethics 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 Langford a standard five-year teaching license on January 1, 2012, valid until December 31, 2016.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Langford 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 October 7, 2016, the Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into the allegation that Educator Langford violated 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 October 12, 2016, Educator Langford was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's authorization to investigate these allegations.

- e. On February 6, 2017, after considering the investigator's report and evidence, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found reasonable belief that Educator Langford violated Standard 2 when she:
- Engaged in unapproved non-school related activity during her designated school hours.

The Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the Board issue Educator Langford a written reprimand and assess a \$50.00 fine; and require that she provide a letter from a licensed psychiatrist stating that she is fit to return to the classroom with students based on her admission of bipolar disorder and treatment. The letter should be sent to the Professional Licensure Standards Board within sixty (60) days of the date of the Board's final order.

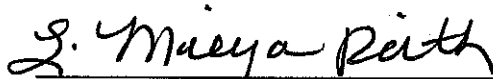
- f. On March 3, 2017, Educator Langford was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation by certified and regular mail.
- g. Educator Langford did not respond to the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation, thereby waiving her rights to any further notice, or hearing, 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.h. 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 Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation.

- b. Accordingly, the Board admonishes Educator Langford for her violation of the Code of Ethics; orders a written reprimand; assesses a \$50.00 fine; and requires that she provide a letter from a licensed psychiatrist stating she is fit to return to the classroom with students. The letter will be sent to the Professional Licensure Standards Board within sixty (60) days of the date of the Board's final order.
- c. Educator Langford is cautioned that further violations of the Code of Ethics or failure to pay the fine within ninety (90) days from the date of this order may result in more severe discipline, including permanent revocation of her license.
- d. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Langford's professional licensure file and in the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mireya Reith, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education