

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**July 14, 2016**

**RE: JERMICHAEL L. RILEY; DISQUALIFICATION FROM LICENSURE**

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

At its meeting on July 14, 2016, the Arkansas State Board of Education (“Board”) heard the matter of Jermichael L. Riley’s (“Mr. Riley”) disqualification from licensure under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410. 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**

1. Mr. Riley applied for a Standard Arkansas teacher’s license.
2. The Department received information that Mr. Riley was convicted of an offense that disqualified him from licensure pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410.
3. On May 2, 2016, the Department notified Mr. Riley that he was ineligible for licensure and employment in an Arkansas public school pursuant to Ark. Code. Ann § 6-17-410 et seq. Additionally, the Department notified Mr. Riley of his right to request that the Board waive his disqualification.
4. The May 2, 2016 notice was received by Mr. Riley on May 4, 2016.
5. A request for a waiver hearing was not received from Mr. Riley.
6. During the July 14, 2016 Board meeting, a motion was made to accept the Department’s recommendation that the Board not waive Mr. Riley’s disqualification.
7. The Board’s vote in favor of the Department’s recommendation was unanimous. The motion carried.

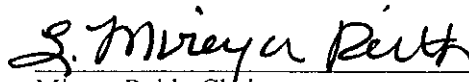
## II. Conclusions of Law

1. The Board may consider 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.
2. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c), “The state board shall not issue a first-time license nor renew an existing license and shall revoke any existing license not up for renewal of any person who has a true report in the Child Maltreatment Central Registry or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to or has been found guilty of” one of the criminal offenses enumerated in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-410(c).

## III. Order

1. 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 Board accepts the Department’s recommendation to not waive Mr. Riley’s disqualification.
2. The Department shall not issue Mr. Riley a license. Mr. Riley shall remain ineligible for licensure and employment in an Arkansas public school, school district, or education service cooperative.
3. This order shall become a permanent entry in Mr. Riley’s licensure file.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mireya Reith, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education