

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 10, 2015**

**IN RE DEBORAH JEAN FREEMAN
FINAL ORDER FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE**

The Arkansas State Board of Education (Board), at its meeting of December 10, 2015, in the matter of the revocation of the license of Deborah Jean Freeman finds that upon consideration of the evidence and the Department's recommendation, her license should be permanently revoked in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. 25-15-101 et seq. Accordingly, the Board hereby states as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Deborah Jean Freeman holds a standard five-year teaching license issued on January 1, 2012, valid until December 31, 2016.
2. On September 3, 2015, the Department of Human Services placed Ms. Freeman on the Child Maltreatment Central Registry for abuse.
3. On September 10, 2015, the Department notified Ms. Freeman that based on Arkansas Code Ann. § 6-17-410 a true finding on the Child Maltreatment Central Registry is a disqualifying offense for licensure, and that it would recommend that the Board permanently revoke her license. Further, the Department advised Ms. Freeman that she is entitled to seek a waiver of the disqualifying offense from the Board.
4. Ms. Freeman signed for the certified letter on September 12, 2015, but did not respond to the letter within the time period required by law.
5. A motion was made to accept the Department's recommendation that the Board permanently revoke Ms. Freeman's license.

10. The Board's vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW; ORDER

1. The State Board of Education may consider certain enumerated offenses as a disqualification for licensing and for employment in a public school. See Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-410(c), 6-17-410(d)(A)(5) and 6-17-411. 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 finding on the Child Maltreatment Central Registry. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410.

2. 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 accepts the recommendation of the Department and permanently revokes Ms. Freeman's license. Further, Ms. Freeman is not eligible for employment in an Arkansas public school, school district, or education service cooperative.

3. This order shall become a permanent entry in the licensure file of the educator.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Toyce Newton, Chair