

**THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**IN RE THE MATTER OF**

**Name Sheryl Ross**

**Date 10/10/2024**

**LICENSURE ACTION**

**CASE NO.:**

**LA-25-002**

At its regular meeting on October 10, 2024, the Arkansas State Board of Education ("Board") considered the matter of Sheryl Ross ("Pre-Educator Ross") concerning a disqualifying offense. Based upon the evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq., the Board hereby states as follows:

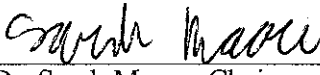
**I. Findings of Fact:**

- a. The Division received information that Pre-Educator Sheryl Ross has a Felony Theft of Property conviction which is a disqualifying offense for a pre-service teacher under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c).
- b. Pre-Educator Ross was notified of the disqualifying offense and had thirty (30) days to request a hearing for a waiver of the disqualifying offense.
- c. Pre-Educator Ross requested a hearing.
- d. The Board considered:
  - i. The educator's age at the time of the offense;
  - ii. The circumstances surrounding the offense;
  - iii. The length of time since the offense;
  - iv. The educator's subsequent work history;
  - v. The educator's employment and character references; and
  - vi. Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of school children or school personnel.
- e. A motion was made to grant the waiver request for the disqualifying offense. The motion carried.

## II. Conclusions of Law

- a. The State Board of Education may consider the 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. This includes offenses which have been expunged, sealed, and pardoned by the governor.
- b. 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., Pre-Educator Ross's disqualifying offense waiver is granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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Dr. Sarah Moore, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education