

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of  
the License of  
Adam McDaniel

KSDE No. 23-PPC-01  
OAH No. 23ED0012 ED

**FINAL ORDER**

NOW, on this 10th day of October 2023, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board). Appearing for the Board are Chairwoman, Melanie Haas, and members, Betty Arnold, Dennis Hershberger, Michelle Dombrosky, Cathy Hopkins, Deena Horst, Jim McNiece, Ann Mah, Jim Porter and Danny Zeck.

WHEREUPON the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) considered the matter on September 8, 2023. Adam McDaniel appeared not. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared through its attorney, R. Scott Gordon. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission voted **5 – 0**, to recommend Adam McDaniel's voluntary surrender of his professional teaching license should be accepted and his professional teaching license be revoked.

WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Jennifer Holt, Commission Chair, who was available to answer the Board's questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law by a vote of **10 – 0**.

All findings set forth in the Commission's Initial Order attached hereto are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Final Order as though fully set forth at length herein.

IT IS THEREFORE CONCLUDED by the Kansas State Board of Education that Adam McDaniels's professional teaching license is revoked.

This Final Order is made and entered this 10th day of October 2023.

Kansas State Board of Education



BY: Melanie Haas, Chairwoman  
Signed October 11, 2023

### NOTICE TO LICENSEE/APPLICANT

This is a Final Order and is effective upon service.

To request reconsideration of this order, you must file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Secretary to the State Board of Education, at the address below, within 15 days after service of this Final Order. The Petition must state the specific grounds upon which relief is requested.

To request a stay of effectiveness of this order, you must file a Petition for Stay with the Secretary to the State Board of Education at the address below. A petition can be filed until the time which a petition for judicial review would no longer be timely.

To seek judicial review of a Final Order, you must file a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* within 30 days following the service of the Final Order. Filing a Petition for Reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review. A copy of any Petition for Judicial Review must be served upon the Secretary to the State Board of Education at the address below.

Makayla Auldrige  
Secretary, Kansas State Board of Education  
Landon State Office Building  
900 SW Jackson Ave. Suite 600N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

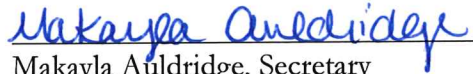
### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 12 day of October 2023, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Patrick C. Blanchard  
Young, Bogle, Wells, & Blanchard, P.A.  
100 N. Main, Suite 1001  
Wichita, Kansas 67202

And via interoffice mail to:

R. Scott Gordon  
Kansas State Department of Education  
900 SW Jackson Street, Ste. 102  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

  
Makayla Auldrige, Secretary  
Kansas State Board of Education

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

In the Matter of  
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PPC No. 23-PPC-01  
OAH No. 23ED0012 ED

**INITIAL ORDER**

The above-captioned case comes on for hearing before the Professional Practices Commissioner ("Commission") of the Kansas State Board of Education ("State Board") upon the Adam McDaniel's ("Licensee") submission of a voluntary surrender of his teaching license for revocation.

The hearing on this matter was held on September 8, 2023. Appearing for the Commission were Acting Chairperson, Eric Filippi, and members, Carey Spaulding, Christy Ziegler, Leigh Anne Rogers and Ricardo Sanchez. KSDE appeared by and through its attorney, General Counsel, R. Scott Gordon. Licensee did not appear.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Licensee holds a professional teaching license issued by the Kansas State Board of Education.
2. KSDE filed a Complaint alleging, among other things, that Licensee had offered to settle an employment dispute so long as he received payment through his contract but had attempted to use a fraudulent two-year contract to receive payment for two years rather than the remainder of his one-year contract. The Complaint further alleged that Licensee entered into a diversion agreement whereby he admitted to committing the crime of Forgery, a felony.
3. Licensee voluntarily surrendered<sup>1</sup> his teaching license for revocation as a consequence of his misconduct in forging a contract while negotiating with his employing school district as well as his entry into a diversion agreement after having been charged with a felony.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. A member of the teaching or school administration profession may voluntarily surrender his license to the Commission. The Commission shall investigate the surrender and make a recommendation to the Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) for disposition of the license. K.A.R. 91-22-5a(e).
2. KSDE requested the PPC to accept the Licensee's voluntary surrender and to recommend the State Board revoke the teaching license of Licensee for the reasons stated above.

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<sup>1</sup> The voluntary surrender is attached hereto

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission recommends to the State Board, by a vote of 5-0, that Licensee's voluntary surrender of his license should be accepted and his teaching license should be revoked immediately.

This Initial Order is made and entered this Sept. 8, 2023.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

  
Eric Filippi, Acting Chairperson

Order signed on September 21, 2023.

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

This Order is not a Final Order and is required to be reviewed by the Kansas State Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act. The State Board will review all issues. Notice of review with the specific date and time will be provided to the parties within 15 days of the review.

You may submit to the State Board for its consideration as part of its review of the Initial Order a written brief citing legal authority as to why the above recommendation should not be accepted. You must file the brief with the State Board Secretary at the address indicated below within ten calendar days after service of the Initial Order for transmittal to the State Board. You must also make any request for oral argument at that time.

Makayla Auldrige  
Secretary, Kansas State Board of Education  
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Topeka, KS 66612

Response briefs are due within ten calendar days after service of the legal brief upon the opposing party. Any reply brief is due five calendar days after service of any response brief upon the opposing party. Any response or reply briefs must also be filed with the State Board Secretary at the address indicated above.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 25 day of September, 2023, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was filed with the Secretary for the Kansas State Board of Education, one (1) copy was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested; and one (1) copy was mailed by first-class prepaid postage mail, to:

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And via interoffice mail to:

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Marisa Seele  
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission