

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of  
the Professional License  
of Jeb Woodford

15-PPC-27

FINAL ORDER

NOW, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, the above-captioned matter comes on for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board) upon the application of Jeb Woodford for an emergency substitute license. Appearing for the Board are Chairman, Jim McNiece, and members, Kathy Busch, Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts, Janet Waugh, and Ken Willard.

WHEREUPON, a complaint was filed by the Kansas State Department of Education and Mr. Woodford had the opportunity to respond to the complaint. Mr. Woodford did not respond to the complaint. The complaint and supporting evidence were reviewed by the Professional Practices Commission (Commission).


WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Linda Sieck, Chairman of the Commission, 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 9 - 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 Jeb Woodford's application for an emergency substitute license is denied.

This Final Order is made and entered this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Kansas State Board of Education

  
BY: Jim McNiece, Chairman  
Signed September 17, 2015

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

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

The filing of a Petition for Reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review.

Peggy Hill  
Secretary, KSBE  
Landon State Office Building  
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Topeka, Kansas 66612

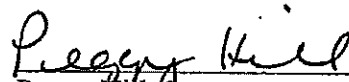
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Jeb Woodford  
3312 Effingham St.  
Manhattan, Kansas 66503

And via interoffice mail to:

Kelli M. Broers  
Attorney, Kansas State Department of Education  
Landon State Office Building  
900 SW Jackson Ave., Suite 102  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

  
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Peggy Hill, Secretary  
Kansas State Board of Education

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

In the Matter of  
the Professional License  
of Job Woodford

15-PPC-27

**INITIAL ORDER**

The above-captioned case comes on for hearing before the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) upon the application of Scott Smith for an emergency substitute license.

The hearing on this matter convened on August 5, 2015. Appearing for the Commission were chairperson, Linda Sleek, and members, Dorsey Burgess, Tavis Desormiers, Kimberly Groom, Justin Henry, John McKinney, Bradley Nicks, and Jessalon Silder. Kelli Brooks appeared as counsel for KSDE. Job Woodford did not appear.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Job Woodford applied for an Emergency Substitute Teaching License February 16, 2013.
2. He disclosed on his application that he'd previously entered into a diversion agreement after being charged with a crime involving drugs. Consequently, his application was scheduled for an April 30, 2013, hearing before the Commission.
3. During his hearing, evidence of Mr. Woodford's 2009 diversion for marijuana possession was reviewed and reviewed. Mr. Woodford was given the opportunity to present evidence of his fitness to teach. He was specifically asked about drug use. He stated he had not been involved with or used drugs since the 2009 incident. At no time did Mr. Woodford inform the Commission of any arrests related to the use of drugs since 2009.
4. The Commission recommended he be granted a license and the State Board adopted that recommendation on June 12, 2013. No final order was signed, in part, because shortly thereafter it was learned that Mr. Woodford had not submitted a complete application. As a result, he was sent a letter requesting additional information. Meanwhile, on June 20, 2013, KSDE became aware that Mr. Woodford had an April 16, 2013, drug-related arrest in Manhattan, Kansas. Mr. Woodford's license was never issued as a result, though he did provide the missing application materials after KSDE learned of the April 2013 arrest.
5. Mr. Woodford's April 2013 arrest was for drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. Mr. Woodford was again placed on diversion, which was revoked on August 3, 2014. As a result of the revocation he was found guilty of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is currently serving 12-months parole.

6. KSDB filed a Complaint pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-5a on June 16, 2015. That Complaint was placed in the mail on June 17, 2015, by certified mail, return receipt requested. Nancy Woodford signed for the Complaint on June 19, 2015.
7. Mr. Woodford did not request a hearing, nor did he file an answer to KSDB's Complaint.

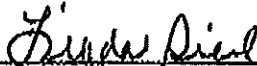
#### CONCLUSIONS

8. If no answer to a Complaint is filed within 20 days, the Applicant is deemed to have admitted the allegations contained in the Complaint and acquiesced in the proposed action. K.A.R. 91-22-9.
9. Mr. Woodford waived his right to an evidentiary hearing before the Commission and the State Board. All findings of fact are based on the non-refuted claims stated in the sworn complaint and the exhibits attached thereto.
10. Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8501, the Legislature has declared teaching and school administration to be professions in Kansas with all the similar rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. An educator is in a position of public trust.
11. Pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a, the State Board may deny a teacher's license/certificate to any person for misconduct or other just cause including a misdemeanor drug-related conviction or entering into a diversion agreement after having been charged with a drug-related crime.
12. The State Board has the authority pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a(b) to deny a teaching license for misconduct or other just cause as provided in K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a).
13. Mr. Woodford's ongoing drug-related misconduct and his lack of candor before this Commission are grounds to deny his application.

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission recommends, by a vote of 8 - 0, subject to the State Board's review, that Mr. Smith's application for a teaching license should be denied.

This Initial Order is made and entered this August 5, 2015.

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

  
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Linda Sleek, Chairperson  
Order signed on August 13, 2015.

**NOTICE TO APPLICANT**

This Order of the Professional Practices Commission is not a Final Order and is required to be reviewed by the State Board in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

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. The legal brief must be filed with the Secretary of the Professional Practices Commission at the address indicated below within ten days after service of the Initial Order for transmittal to the State Board.

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Secretary, Professional Practices Commission  
Kansas State Department of Education  
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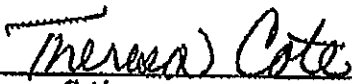
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was filed with the Secretary for the Kansas State Board of Education and one (1) copy was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

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And via interoffice mail to:

Kelli Broers  
Assistant General Counsel  
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Theresa Coté  
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission