

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of
the Professional License
of Shelli Cammisa

15-PPC-26

FINAL ORDER

NOW, on this 8th day of September, 2015, the above-captioned matter comes on for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board) upon the matter of Shelli Cammisa's professional 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 Ms. Cammisa had the opportunity to respond to the complaint. Ms. Cammisa 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 Shelli Cammisa's teaching license, and any related endorsements, is revoked.

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

Kansas State Board of Education


BY: Jim McNiece, Chairman
Signed September 17, 2015

NOTICE TO LICENSEE

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
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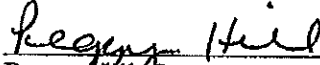
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

Shelli Cammisa, KDOC #110619
Topeka Correctional Facility
815 S.E. Rice Road
Topeka, Kansas 66607

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



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 Shelli Cammlen

15-PPC-26

INITIAL ORDER

The above-captioned case comes on for hearing before the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) for consideration of Shelli Cammlen's 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, Justia Henry, John McKinney, Bradley Nicks, and Jesson Sinder. Kelli Brooks appeared as counsel for KSDE. Shelli Cammlen did not appear.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Shelli Cammlen was first licensed by the Kansas State Board of Education in 2008. Her most recent license, an emergency substitute license, was scheduled to expire June 30, 2015.
2. On February 10, 2015, while licensed, Ms. Cammlen was convicted¹ of the following crimes for conduct also occurring while Ms. Cammlen was licensed:
 - a. Distribution of Methamphetamine in violation of K.S.A. 21-5705(a)(1), a drug severity level 4 nonperson felony.
 - b. Possession of Methamphetamine in violation of K.S.A. 21-5705(a)(4), a drug severity level 5, nonperson felony.
 - c. Possession of Fentanyl in violation of K.S.A. 21-5706(a), a drug severity level 5 nonperson felony.
 - d. Aggravated Intimidation of a Witness or Victim in violation of K.S.A. 21-5909(b)(2), a severity level 6 person felony.
3. Ms. Cammlen is not eligible for release until 2018.
4. KSDE filed a Complaint against Ms. Cammlen pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-5a on June 10, 2015. That Complaint was placed in the mail on June 10, 2015, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Ms. Cammlen's current address at the Topeka Correctional Facility. The facility received the Complaint on June 15, 2015.
5. Ms. Cammlen did not request a hearing, nor did she file an answer to KSDE's Complaint.

¹ Ms. Cammlen was sentenced on March 30, 2015.

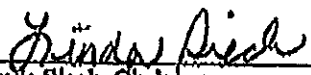
CONCLUSIONS

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. It is within the authority of the Kansas State Board of Education to adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance, renewal, reinstatement and revocation of a license to teach.
9. A license may be denied by the Kansas State Board of Education for misconduct or other just cause, K.A.R. 91-22-1a.
10. By order of the Kansas State Board of Education, the Professional Practices Commission shall investigate and conduct hearings pertaining to allegations of misconduct.
11. Ms. Cammisa waived her 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 attached exhibits.
12. Ms. Cammisa's conduct is inconsistent with the commonly-held perceptions and expectations of a member of the teaching profession. Such conduct violates the public trust and confidence placed in members of the profession. Furthermore, her conduct demonstrates a lack of fitness to perform the duties and responsibilities of a member of the teaching and school administration professions.
13. Ms. Cammisa's misconduct and her criminal convictions are grounds for revocation of her license pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a and K.S.A. 72-1383.

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission recommends by a vote of 8 - 0, subject to review by the State Board, that Ms. Cammisa's emergency substitute teaching license should be revoked.

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

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION


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

NOTICE TO LICENSEE

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.

Theresa Coté
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission
Kansas State Department of Education
900 SW Jackson St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1182


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 13th 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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Topeka, Kansas 66607

And via interoffice mail to:

Kelli Brooks
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