

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of
the License of
Charles T. Young

22-PPC-14

FINAL ORDER

NOW, on this 13th day of September 2022, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board). Appearing for the Board are Chairman, Jim Porter and members, Betty Arnold, Jean Clifford, Michelle Dombrosky, Melanie Haas, Deena Horst, Ben Jones, Jim McNiece, Ann Mah and Janet Waugh.

WHEREUPON the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) considered the matter on August 26, 2022. Charles Young did not appear. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared through its attorney, Scott Gordon. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission recommended Charles Young's voluntary surrender of his license be accepted and his teaching license and any associated endorsements be revoked immediately.

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 Charles Young's voluntary surrender of his license is accepted and his professional teaching license and any associated endorsements are revoked.

This Final Order is made and entered this 13th day of September 2022.

Kansas State Board of Education



BY: Jim Porter, Chairman
Signed October 12, 2022

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.

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

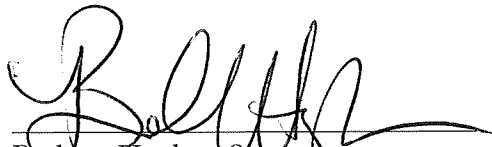
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 12 day of October 2022, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Charles T. Young
219 Booth
Pretty Prairie, Kansas 67570

And via interoffice mail to:

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


Barbara Hughes, Secretary
Kansas State Board of Education

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Initial Order

The above-captioned case is before the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) upon the Complaint filed by KSDE requesting revocation of the teaching license of Charles T. Young ("Licensee").

The Professional Practices Commission reviewed the matter during its regularly scheduled meeting on August 26, 2022. KSDE appeared by ad through its General Counsel, R. Scott Gordon. Licensee did not appear.

Findings of Fact

1. Licensee is currently licensed by the Kansas State Board of Education. Licensee has been so licensed since 1994.
2. On June 30, 2022, KSDE filed a Complaint seeking revocation of Licensee's teaching license. Within the Complaint, KSDE alleged the following:
 - a. While employed as a teacher at Pretty Prairie High School, Licensee entered into an inappropriate sexual relationship with an underage student, C.H. from 2008 through 2010.
 - b. Approximately five years ago, while employed as a teacher at Pretty Prairie High School, Licensee engaged in grooming by indicating a desire for a sexual relationship with a student, M.M. Licensee engaged in a sexual relationship with M.M. immediately after she ceased to be a student.
 - c. While employed as a teacher at Pretty Prairie High School, in particularly between 2014 and 2018, Licensee engaged in inappropriate discussions with his students regarding his private sex life and inquiring into their own personal, private lives.
3. The Complaint was mailed to Licensee's last known address, to which he submitted an Answer and a Request for a Hearing. Subsequent to filing his Answer, Licensee submitted a written Voluntary Surrender of his license. Although he did not specifically admit to each allegation as written in the Complaint, Licensee acknowledged that he'd engaged in inappropriate relationships with students while employed as their teacher. He further acknowledged and admitted that his conduct was unprofessional, inappropriate, and that he is until to maintain a teaching license. A copy of Licensee's Voluntary Surrender is attached as Exhibit A.
4. The Professional Practices Commission voted unanimously to accept Licensee's Voluntary Surrender.

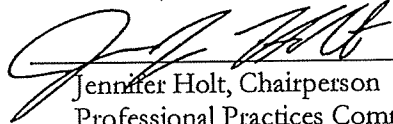
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) is responsible for the general supervision of Kansas education, including the certification and licensure of teachers. Kan. Const., Art. VI and K.S.A. 72-255.
2. The State Board may revoke a teaching license for misconduct or other just cause including the commission or omission of any act that injures the health or welfare of a minor through physical or sexual abuse or exploitation. K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a).
3. The State Board may revoke a teaching license for engaging in any sexual activity with a student. K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a)(8).
4. Teaching and school administration are professions with all the similar rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. K.S.A. 72-2308.
5. Applicant'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. Applicant's conduct demonstrates a lack of fitness to perform the duties and responsibilities of a member of the teaching and school administration professions and is sufficient and just cause to revoke his license.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED by the Professional Practices Commission to the Kansas State Board of Education that Licensee's professional license be revoked.

This Initial Order of the Professional Practices Commission 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.

This Initial Order is made and entered this 6th day of October, 2022



Jennifer Holt, Chairperson
Professional Practices Commission

NOTICE TO LICENSEE

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.

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Secretary, Kansas State Board of Education
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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 7th day of October, 2022, 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 to:

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Pretty Prairie, KS 67570

And via interoffice mail to:

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Kansas State Department of Education
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Marisa Seele
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission

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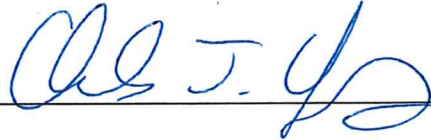
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VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, Charles T. Young, hereby knowingly and voluntarily surrender my license to the Kansas State Board of Education ("State Board"). I am voluntarily surrendering my license as a result of inappropriate relationships with students while employed as their teacher. This surrender constitutes an admission that my conduct was unprofessional, inappropriate, and that I am unfit to maintain a teaching license.

I further acknowledge and understand that my surrender is subject to approval by the State Board, which may publicly censure, suspend, or revoke my license; and by surrendering my license, I waive any objection to or contestation of findings made by the Professional Practices Commission or the State Board. I further acknowledge and understand that notice of the censure, suspension, or revocation of my license will be provided to all local education agencies in the State of Kansas and to the agency responsible for issuing educator licenses/certificates in each of the other states.

I hereby withdraw my previously-filed Request for Hearing.



Signature

Charles T. Young

(Printed or typed name)

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Kansas

COUNTY OF Reno ss:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 28th day of July, 2022.

before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the county and state aforesaid, came

Charles T. Young, who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the within instrument and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

Myra G. Cole

Notary Public

My appointment expires:

4-04, 20 23

