

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of  
the License of  
Clinton Laing

18-PPC-43

**FINAL ORDER**

NOW, on this 16th day of April 2019, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board). Appearing for the Board are Chairman, Kathy Busch, and members, Jean Clifford, Michelle Dombrosky, Deena Horst, Ben Jones, Jim McNiece, Ann Mah, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts, and Janet Waugh.

WHEREUPON the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) considered the matter on March 1, 2019. Clinton Laing did not appear. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared through its attorney, Scott Gordon. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission voted 6 – 0, to recommend the Board revoke Clinton Laing's emergency substitute license.

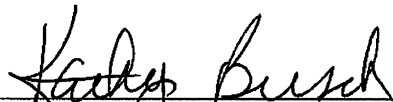
WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Linda Sieck, Commission Chair, who was available to answer the Board's questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions 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 Clinton Laing's emergency substitute license is revoked.

This Final Order is made and entered this 16th day of April 2019.

Kansas State Board of Education

  
BY: Kathy Busch, Chairman  
Signed April 25, 2019

**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.

Peggy Hill  
Secretary, Kansas State Board of Education  
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Topeka, Kansas 66612

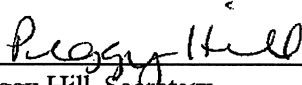
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Clinton Laing  
4004 Parkway Circle  
Lawrence, Kansas 66047

And via interoffice mail to:

R. Scott Gordon  
Kansas State Department of Education  
900 SW Jackson Street, Ste. 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 License of  
Clinton Laing

18-PPC-43

**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 Complaint filed by the Kansas State Department of Education seeking revocation of Clinton Laing's Emergency Substitute Teaching license.

The hearing on this matter was held on March 1, 2019. Appearing for the Commission were chairperson, Linda Sieck, and members, William Anderson, Eric Filippi, Jennifer Holt, Nathan Reed, and Sylvia Ramirez. The KSDE appeared by and through its attorney, General Counsel, R. Scott Gordon. Clinton Laing did not appear.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Clinton Laing holds an emergency substitute teaching license issued by the Kansas State Board of Education. He has been licensed since 2007.
2. On June 19, 2018, Mr. Laing pleaded guilty to and was subsequently convicted of one count of Aggravated Indecent Liberties with a Child as described in K.S.A. 21-5506(b)(3)(A). This offense is an off grid, person felony which requires him to register as an offender per the Kansas Offender Registration Act.
3. Mr. Laing was licensed at the time the offenses were committed.
4. The Kansas State Department of Education mailed a copy of the Complaint via certified mail to Mr. Laing's last known address. It was unclaimed as of January 23, 2019.

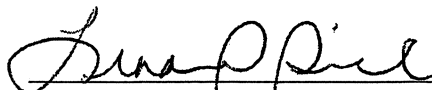
### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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 deny a license for misconduct or other just cause including the conviction of any crime punishable as a felony and conviction of any crime involving a minor as provided for in KA.R. 91 22 1a(a)(1) and (a)(2).
3. One of the obvious goals of education is to “instill respect for the law.” Hainline v. Bond, 250 Kan. 217 (1992). An educator is a role model. Hainline at 224.
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. Mr. Laing’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. Mr. Laing’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.

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission, by vote of 6-0, recommends the Kansas State Board of Education revoke the emergency substitute teaching license of Clinton Laing based on his conviction of Aggravated Indecent Liberties with a Child and for not requesting a hearing or submitting an answer in response to the Complaint.

This Initial Order is made and entered this March 7, 2019, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION



Linda Sieck, Chairman

Order signed on March 7, 2019.

## 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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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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, 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:

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Gwen Kramer  
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission