

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of
the License of
Meghan Miller

22-PPC-07

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. Meghan Miller appeared by and through attorney Danielle R. Sanger. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared through its attorney, Scott Gordon. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission voted to recommend the Board grant the initial teaching license subject to public censure.

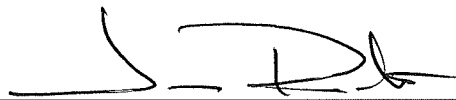
WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Jennifer Holt, Commission Chair, who was available to answer the Board's questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions 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 Meghan Miller's application for an initial teaching license is granted subject to public censure.

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

Kansas State Board of Education



BY: Jim Porter, Chairman
Signed September 16, 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 20th day of September 2022, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Danielle R. Sanger
Sanger Law Office
5040 Bob Billings Pkwy., Ste. C-1
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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
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

In the Matter of
the License of
Meghan Anne Miller

22-PPC-07

**Initial Order based upon
Stipulated Findings of Fact and
Conclusions of Law**

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 regarding the pending application for licensure submitted by Meghan Anne Miller (Applicant). This matter convened on August 26, 2022, on stipulated Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. KSDE appeared by and through its attorney, R. Scott Gordon. Applicant did not appear but has been represented through counsel Danielle R. Sanger.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has held an Initial Teaching License issued by the Kansas State Board of Education since 2011. Prior to 2011, Applicant was licensed as an emergency substitute in 2009. Applicant has applied to renew her Initial Teaching License.
2. On or about April 11, 2018, Applicant wrote a check or checks worth at least one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Von Maur Department Store knowing there to be insufficient funds to cover the cost of the check or checks with the intent to deceive the store into believing payment had been made.
3. Subsequent to April 11, 2018, Applicant entered into a criminal diversion agreement with the Johnson County. On November 14, 2020, Applicant's criminal case was dismissed after successful completion of her diversion.
4. For purposes of these proceedings only, both parties agree and stipulate that substantial, competent evidence exists to support a finding that Applicant engaged in misconduct sufficient to warrant censure by the Kansas State Board of Education.
5. Both parties agree to not ask the Commission or the Kansas State Board of Education for any outcome other than that recommended in this Initial Order.

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 an application for a license for misconduct or other just cause such as entering into a diversion agreement after being charged with any felony crime or any crime involving theft. K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a).
3. By order of the State Board, the Commission shall investigate and conduct hearings pertaining to allegations of misconduct.
4. The Commission finds that substantial, competent evidence supports a finding that Applicant engaged in misconduct while licensed by the State Board.
5. The Commission further finds that Applicant should be allowed to remain within the teaching profession and to be issued a renewed teaching license.
6. The Commission recommends the Kansas State Board of Education issue the applied-for license for the Applicant subject to public censure.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED by the Professional Practices Commission to the Kansas State Board of Education that Meghan Anne Miller receive the license for which she has applied subject to public censure.

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 26 day of August, 2022



Jennifer Holt, Chairperson
Professional Practices Commission

AGREED TO AND APPROVED BY:

Signature: 
Meghan Miller (Aug 23, 2022 15:45 CDT)
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Meghan A. Miller

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Danielle Sanger (Aug 23, 2022 15:48 CDT)
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Danielle Sanger
Attorney for Meghan A. Miller

Signature: 
Scott Gordon (Aug 23, 2022 15:50 CDT)
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R. Scott Gordon
General Counsel
Kansas State Department of Education