

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of  
the Professional License  
of Debra Ellebracht

15-PPC-30

**FINAL ORDER**

NOW, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board) upon Debra Ellebracht's submission of a voluntary surrender of her teaching license. Appearing for the Board are Chairman, Jim McNiece, and members, John Bacon, Kathy Busch, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts, Janet Waugh, and Ken Willard.

WHEREUPON, by submitting a signed voluntary surrender of her teaching license to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), Ms. Ellebracht waived her right to notice and the opportunity for a hearing on the matter.

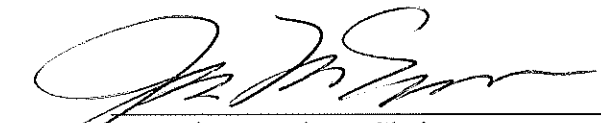
WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Professional Practices Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Linda Sieck, Chairman of the Commission, who was available to answer the Board's questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission's 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 Debra Ellebracht's voluntary surrender of her license should be accepted and her teaching license shall be revoked immediately.

This Final Order is made and entered this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Kansas State Board of Education

  
BY: Jim McNiece, Chairman  
Signed February 10, 2016

**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  
Secretary, KSBE  
Landon State Office Building  
900 SW Jackson Ave. Suite 600N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

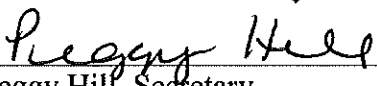
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Mark Stafford  
Attorney for Respondent  
107 Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 210  
Topeka, Kansas 66603

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 Debra Ellebracht

15-PPC-30  
OAH No. 16ED00001

**INITIAL ORDER**

The above-captioned case comes before the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) upon the matter of the professional license of Debra Ellebracht.

This matter convened on November 23, 2015. Appearing for the Commission were chairperson, Linda Sieck, and members, Tavis Desormiers, Dorsey Burgess, Jessica Snider, Justin Henry, John McKinney, and Ginger Riddle. Ms. Ellebracht appeared not. KSDE appeared by and through its attorney, Kelli Broers.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Debra Ellebracht has been licensed as a Kansas teacher since 1998. She was most recently licensed on November 29, 2014. Her license expires on November 29, 2019.
2. While licensed, Ms. Ellebracht also served as treasurer for the Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Ms. Ellebracht used that position to embezzle \$30,000 from the organization. As a result, she was charged in the District Court of Douglas County, Kansas, in Case No. 2014-CR-000926 with felony theft in violation of K.S.A. 21-5801(a)(1)(b)(2).
3. Ultimately, Ms. Ellebracht entered into a diversion agreement in her criminal case where she stipulated that over the course of two years she took \$30,000 from the Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma without permission and for her personal use. She also stipulated she attempted to conceal her crime by creating fake bank statements.
4. Ms. Ellebracht is scheduled to complete diversion on April 9, 2017.
5. After receiving the Complaint filed in this matter and conducting discovery, Ms. Ellebracht agreed to voluntarily surrender her license as a consequence of the acts that resulted in her criminal charges and her subsequent entry into a diversion agreement. She submitted an executed and notarized voluntary surrender on November 9, 2015.

CONCLUSIONS

1. A member of the teaching or school administration profession may voluntarily surrender his license to the Commission. The surrender shall be investigated by the Commission. A recommendation shall be made by the Commission to the State Board for disposition of the license. K.A.R. 91-22-5a(e).
  
2. A license may be revoked by the State Board for misconduct or other just cause including entering into a diversion agreement after being charged with a felony. K.A.R. 91-22-1a. Ms. Ellebracht's entry into a diversion agreement in Case No. 2014-CR-000926 is grounds for revocation of her teaching license.

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission recommends, by a vote of 7 – 0, subject to review by the State Board, that Debra Ellebracht's voluntary surrender of her license should be accepted and her professional teaching license should be revoked immediately.

This Initial Order is made and entered this November 23, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

  
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Linda Sieck, Chairperson

Order signed on December 14, 2015.

**NOTICE TO LICENSEE**

This Initial Order is not a Final Order and must 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 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 Street  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1182

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 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:

Mark Stafford  
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107 Southwest 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 210  
Topeka, Kansas 66603

And via interoffice mail to:

Kelli Broers  
Assistant General Counsel  
900 SW Jackson Street, Ste. 102  
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Theresa Coté  
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission