#### BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the License of Jamanshua Howell 17-PPC-09

#### FINAL ORDER

NOW, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017, 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, John Bacon, Kathy Busch, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Jim McNiece, Ann Mah, Steve Roberts, Janet Waugh, and Ken Willard.

WHEREUPON the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) considered the matter on April 3, 2017. Jamanshua Howell appeared not. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared through its attorney, Kelli M. Broers. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission voted 7 – 0, to recommend the Board revoke Mr. Howell's 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 Jamanshua Howell's license be revoked.

This Final Order is made and entered this 11th day of July 2017.

Kansas State Board of Education

BY: Jim Porter, Chairman Signed August & L., 2017

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

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 10 day of August 2017, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Jamanshua Howell 8461 Renner Boulevard, Apt. 4101 Lenexa, Kansas 66219

And via interoffice mail to:

Kelli Broers Kansas State Department of Education 900 SW Jackson Street, Ste. 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 License of Jamanshua Howell 17-PPC-09

#### INITIAL ORDER

The above-captioned case comes before the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) upon the complaint seeking revocation of Jamanshua Howell's teaching license and any associated endorsements.

The Commission reviewed this matter on April 3, 2017. Appearing for the Commission were chairman, Linda Sieck, and members Dorsey Burgess, Justin Henry, John McKinney, Sylvia Ramirez, Maret Schrader, and Jessica Snyder.

Kelli Broers appeared as counsel for KSDE.

Jamanshua Howell did not appear.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Jamanshua Howell, age 29, holds an initial school leadership license. His last known address is 8461 Renner Boulevard, Apt. 4101, Lenexa, Kansas, 66219.
- 2. On February 9, 2017, Howell entered a plea agreement wherein he agreed to plead guilty to one count of misdemeanor child endangerment in Case No. 16 CR 2857 in the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas.
- 3. On March 8, 2017, the court entered the Journal Entry of Judgment in Case No. 16 CR 2857. Howell pleaded guilty to one count of misdemeanor child endangerment and was sentenced to 12-months probation.
- 4. KSDE filed a complaint pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-5a on March 10, 2017. That complaint was placed in the mail, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Howell's last known address. It was delivered on March 11, 2017.

Howell did not request a hearing or file an answer to KSDE's complaint.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. In Kansas, teaching and school administration are considered professions with all the similar rights, responsibilities, and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. K.S.A. 72-8501.
- 2. The Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) is responsible for the general supervision of education, including the certification and licensure of teachers, in Kansas. K.S.A. 72-7513 and Kan. Const., Art. VI.
- 3. The Commission investigates and conduct hearings pertaining to allegations of misconduct. K.S.A. 72-8507; K.A.R. 91-22-1a et seq.
- 4. Mailing notice to a party's last known address is a permissible form of service. A written certificate of service is sufficient to presume service. Furthermore, service by mail is complete upon mailing. See K.S.A. 77-531.
  - 5. A party must request a hearing within 15 days of service of a complaint. K.S.A. 77-542.
- 6. A party has 20 days to file an Answer upon receipt of a complaint. If no answer is filed, the person is deemed to have admitted the allegations contained in the complaint and to have acquiesced in the proposed action. K.A.R. 91-22-9.
- 7. The State Board may revoke the license of an individual convicted of committing any crime involving a minor. K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a)(2).
- 8. The Commission, after reviewing the evidence in this matter and considering the applicable law, believes revocation of Howell's license is appropriate.

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission recommends to the State Board, by a vote of 7 - 0, that Jamanshua Howell's teaching license and any associated endorsements should be revoked.

This Initial Order is made and entered this April 3, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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#### NOTICE

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2017, I filed a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing with the Secretary for the Kansas State Board of Education and I mailed one copy by certified mall, return receipt requested, to:

Jamanshua Howell 8461 Renner Boulevard, Apt. 4101 Lenexa, Kansas 66219

and via interoffice mail to:

Kelli Broers
Kansas State Department of Education
900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 102
Topeka, Kansas 66612

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Secretary, Professional Practices Commission