

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of
the Application of
Stacey Hancock

22-PPC-09

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 July 20, 2022. Stacey Hancock did not appear. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared through its attorney, Scott Gordon. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission voted **7 – 0**, to recommend the Board deny the application for an emergency substitute teaching license.

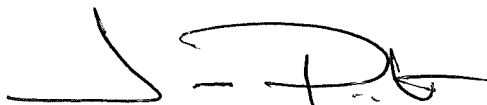
WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Jennifer Holt, Commission Chair, who was available to answer the Board's questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions 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 Stacey Hancock's application for an emergency substitute teaching license is denied.

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

Kansas State Board of Education


BY: Jim Porter, Chairman
Signed September 14, 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:

Stacey Rosa Hancock
14127 Cody Street
Overland Park, Kansas 66221

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

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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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 denial of Stacey Hancock's [Applicant] application for an emergency substitute teaching license.

The hearing on this matter was held on July 20, 2022. The KSDE appeared by and through General Counsel, R. Scott Gordon. Applicant did not appear.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Applicant applied to renew an emergency substitute teaching license. Applicant has been licensed since 2017.
2. From April 22, 1994 to October, 2019, Applicant was licensed as an attorney by the Supreme Court of Missouri. As a licensed professional, Applicant was held to a high standard with fiduciary obligations to those she served as well as to the profession itself.
3. On October 15, 2019, Applicant was disbarred by the Supreme Court of Missouri. The bases for losing her professional license includes the following:
 - a. Applicant signed documents on behalf of her client without her client's knowledge or permission.
 - b. Applicant used client funds for personal use in several separate instances, breaching her fiduciary duty to her clients;
 - c. Applicant engaged in conduct involving dishonestly, fraud, deceit, and/or misrepresentation of her client.
4. The Complaint was mailed to Applicant's last known address by standard and by certified mail. The certified mail receipt indicates it was delivered. Applicant did not submit either a request for hearing or an Answer.

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.
K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a).
3. Any applicant for licensure whose license has been suspended, canceled, revoked, or surrendered in another state shall not be eligible for licensure in Kansas until the applicant is eligible for licensure in the state in which the suspension, cancellation, revocation, or surrender occurred.
K.A.R. 91-22-1a(f). The Kansas State Board of Education applies this bar to all professional licenses, not just other teaching licenses.
4. 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.
5. Teaching and school administration are professions with all the similar rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. K.S.A. 72-2308.
6. 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 deny his/her license.
7. If a party fails to participate in the adjudicative process, the party may be found to have conceded to the outcome requested by the filed complaint.

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission recommends to the State Board, by a vote of 7-0, that the application for an emergency substitute teaching license be denied based on her misconduct while licensed as a professional, the revocation of her professional license in another state, and for failure to participate in the PPC proceedings.

This Initial Order is made and entered this August, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION



Jennifer Holt, Chairwoman

Order signed on August 3, 2022.

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

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.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of August, 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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Marisa Seele
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission