

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of  
the Professional License  
of Ryan S. Cox

14-PPC-48

**FINAL ORDER**

NOW, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board) upon the professional license of Ryan S. Cox.

WHEREUPON, a complaint was filed by the Kansas State Department of Education and Mr. Cox had the opportunity to respond to the complaint. Mr. Cox did not respond to the complaint. The complaint and supporting evidence were reviewed by the Professional Practices Commission (Commission).


WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Calin Kendall, 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 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 Ryan S. Cox's teaching license and any endorsements shall be revoked immediately.

This Final Order is made and entered this 17th day of April, 2015.

Kansas State Board of Education

  
BY: Jim McNiece, Chairman  
Signed June 10, 2015

**NOTICE TO APPLICANT**

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Ryan Cox  
770 N. Silver Springs Blvd., Apt. 902  
Wichita, Kansas 67212

Ryan Cox  
4100 Eliot Street  
Denver, Colorado 80211

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**

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**INITIAL ORDER**

COMES NOW the Professional Practices Commission on this <sup>26<sup>th</sup></sup> day of February, 2015, and makes the following recommendations to the Kansas State Board of Education.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Kansas State Department of Education filed a Complaint pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-5a on December 5, 2014 [**Attached as Appendix I**]. That same Complaint was also placed in the mail on December 5, 2014, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known addresses of Ryan Cox, including the address on file with the Department and the address Mr. Cox used during his criminal case. The Complaint was postmarked December 8, 2014. The attached certificate of service [**Exhibit A**] shows receipt of the Complaint.
2. Mr. Cox is currently licensed by the Kansas State Board of Education.
3. On or about May 21, 2012, while licensed as a teacher, Mr. Cox violated K.S.A. 21-5505(a) (sexual battery, a class A person misdemeanor) by intentionally touching a 16 year old, without his or her consent, with the intent to arouse or satisfy Mr. Cox's or another's sexual desires. **Exhibit 1 of the Complaint.**
4. Mr. Cox pled no contest and was sentenced on October 18, 2013, to "6 months suspended to 12 months supervised probation." **Exhibit 2 of the Complaint.**
5. On October 18, 2014, Mr. Cox completed probation and was released from supervision. **Exhibit 3 of the Complaint.**
6. Mr. Cox did not file a Request for a Hearing nor did he submit an Answer. The Complaint specifically advises that "If no answer is filed within 20 days, Applicant will be deemed to have admitted the allegations contained in the complaint and acquiesced in the proposed action. An Initial Order will be entered recommending the revocation of your teaching license and all endorsements for the reasons stated in the Complaint and that notice of the revocation will be provided to all education agencies in the State of Kansas and to the agency responsible for issuing educator licenses/certificates in each of the other states."

**CONCLUSIONS**

1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8501, the Legislature has declared teaching and school administration to be professions in Kansas with all the similar rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. An educator is in a position of public trust.

2. It is within the authority of the Kansas State Board of Education to adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance, renewal, reinstatement and revocation of a license to teach.
3. By order of the Kansas State Board of Education, the Professional Practices Commission shall investigate and conduct hearings pertaining to allegations of misconduct.
4. Any license issued by the State Board may be suspended or revoked, or the license holder may be publicly censured by the State Board for misconduct or other just cause; including the commission of any crime involving a minor or commission or omission of any act that injures the health or welfare of a minor through physical or sexual abuse or exploitation. K.A.R. 91-22-1a.
5. If no answer to a Complaint is filed within 20 days, Applicant is deemed to have admitted the allegations contained in the Complaint and acquiesced in the proposed action. K.A.R. 91-22-9.
6. Mr. Cox waived his right to an evidentiary hearing before the Professional Practices Commission and the State Board of Education. All findings of fact are based on the non-refuted claims stated in the sworn complaint and the attached exhibits.
7. Mr. Cox'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. Furthermore, his conduct demonstrates a lack of fitness to perform the duties and responsibilities of a member of the teaching and school administration professions.
8. Mr. Cox's conviction for sexual battery, a class A person misdemeanor, for intentionally touching a 16 year old, without his or her consent, with the intent to arouse or satisfy Mr. Cox's or another's sexual desires in violation of K.S.A. 21-5505(a) is grounds for revoking his Kansas teaching license pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a.

IT IS THEREFORE CONCLUDED by the Professional Practices Commission, by a vote of 8-0, subject to review by the State Board of Education, that Ryan Cox's Kansas Teaching License should be revoked.

This Initial Order is made and entered this February 26, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION



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Calin Kendall, Chairman

Order signed on 2/26, 2015.

## NOTICE TO APPLICANT

This Order of the Professional Practices Commission is not a Final Order and is required to be reviewed by the State Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

You may submit to the State Board of Education 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 indicated above within ten days after service of the Initial Order for transmittal to the State Board.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 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:

Ryan Cox  
770 N. Silver Springs Blvd., Apt. 902  
Wichita, Kansas 67212

Ryan Cox  
4100 Eliot Street  
Denver, Colorado 80211

Theresa Cote'  
Theresa Cote'  
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission

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**APPENDIX I**

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, Scott Myers, Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, Kansas State Department of Education, 120 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612, and alleges the following:

1. Under Kansas law, teaching and school administration to be professions in Kansas with all the similar rights, responsibilities and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. An educator is in a position of public trust.
2. It is within the authority of the Kansas State Board of Education to adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance, renewal, reinstatement and revocation of a license to teach.
3. Any license issued by the Kansas State Board of Education may be suspended or revoked, or the license holder may be publicly censured by the State Board for misconduct or other just cause. K.A.R. 91-22-1a.
4. By order of the Kansas State Board of Education, the Professional Practices Commission shall investigate and conduct hearings pertaining to allegations of misconduct.
5. Ryan S. Cox is currently licensed by the Kansas State Board of Education.
6. On or about May 21, 2012, while licensed as a teacher, Mr. Cox violated K.S.A. 21-5505(a) (sexual battery, a class A person misdemeanor) by intentionally touching a 16 year old, without his or her consent, with the intent to arouse or satisfy Mr. Cox's or another's sexual desires. **Exhibit 1.**
7. Mr. Cox pled no contest and was sentenced on October 18, 2013, to "6 months suspended to 12 months supervised probation." **Exhibit 2.**
8. On October 18, 2014, Mr. Cox completed probation and was released from supervision. **Exhibit 3.**
9. Despite successfully completing probation, Mr. Cox'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.

10. Mr. Cox'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 for revoking Applicant's license.
11. Mr. Cox's conduct is grounds for revocation of his Kansas license pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a.
12. It is requested that Mr. Cox's license be revoked.

### **NOTICE**

Pursuant to K.A.R. 91-22-1a(h) and K.S.A. 77-512, notice is hereby given of this Complaint and Request for Revocation of Licensee's professional teaching license.

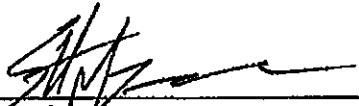
### **RIGHT TO A HEARING**

Applicant has a right to request a hearing on the above issues and request for denial in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act. To obtain a hearing, a written request for a hearing must be filed with the Secretary of the Professional Practices Commission within fifteen [15] days of the date of service of this notice at the following address:

Theresa Coté  
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission  
Kansas State Department of Education  
900 SW Jackson St.  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1182

Applicant has a right to file a written answer to this complaint. Applicant has twenty [20] days from the date of service of this notice. If no answer is filed within 20 days, Applicant will be deemed to have admitted the allegations contained in the complaint and acquiesced in the proposed action. An Initial Order will be entered recommending the revocation of your teaching license for the reasons stated in the Complaint and that notice of the revocation will be provided to all education agencies in the State of Kansas and to the agency responsible for issuing educator licenses/certificates in each of the other states.

Any answer shall type written or legibly printed, and any documents you intend to use in your defense must be attached. The answer must be signed and contain a statement under oath or affirmation that the statements made in the Answer are true. The Answer must be notarized and filed with the Secretary of the Professional Practices Commission by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal delivery to the address listed above.

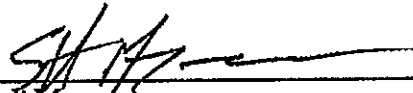
  
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Scott Myers  
Director, Teacher Education and Licensure



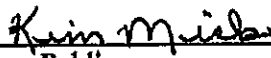

**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF SHAWEE )

Scott Myers, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and states: He is the Complainant in the above-captioned action; he has read the above and foregoing Complaint knows and understands the contents thereof, and the statements and allegations contained therein are true and correct, according to his knowledge, information, and belief.

  
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Scott Myers  
Director, Teacher Education and Licensure

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

  
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Notary Public  


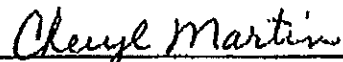
My appointment expires:

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Complaint/Notice of Hearing was filed with the Secretary for the Professional Practices Commission and one (1) copy was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Ryan Cox  
P.O. Box 73  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Ryan Cox  
770 N. Silver Springs Blvd., Apt. 902  
Wichita, Kansas 67212

  
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Cheryl Martin  
Teacher Education and Licensure

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Assigned Atty: JD

**IN THE KANSAS DISTRICT COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS  
CRIMINAL LAW DIVISION**

**STATE OF KANSAS,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

Case No. 13-CR-1360  
Division No. OK

**RYAN SANDERS COX,  
Defendant.**

RECEIVED  
JUL 22 2013  
BY: *William*

**COMPLAINT/INFORMATION**

COMES NOW, Jacqie J. Spradling, a duly appointed, qualified and acting Chief Deputy District Attorney of the Third Judicial District of the State of Kansas, and for and on behalf of said State gives the court to understand and be informed that:

**COUNT 1**

**SEXUAL BATTERY  
K.S.A. 21-5505(a)  
Class A Person Misdemeanor**

On or about the 21st day of May, 2012 in the State of Kansas and County of Shawnee, RYAN SANDERS COX, did, then and there, unlawfully, and intentionally, touch the person of: J.M.H. (XX/XX/96), who was 16 or more years of age and not his spouse, and who did not consent thereto, with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the said RYAN SANDERS COX, or another, contrary to the form of the statutes in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Kansas.





Issued 10-28-13

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS CRIMINAL (CR) DIVISION

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STATE OF KANSAS,

Plaintiff

Case No. 13CR001360

2013 OCT 25 AM 8:21

Court No. CR

VS.

Ryan Sanders Cox, Defendant.

JOURNAL ENTRY OF MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION AND SENTENCING

Now on this 18 day of October 2013 this matter comes on for hearing for conviction and sentencing.

The State appears by: Assistant District Attorney: Legal Intern: J. Daulton

Defendant appears: In person and with legal counsel: Triguera Court Appointed Defendant in Custody

Presiding Judge: Ebberts

CONVICTION

The Court informs defendant of the consequences of his/her plea and the maximum penalties provided by law. The Court finds that the plea was freely and voluntarily made with a sufficient supporting factual basis. Whereupon, the matter proceeds to guilty plea No contest plea trial. The Court finds as follows after a guilty plea trial as to the following counts:

Sexual Battery 2-5505(a)

COUNT I original COUNT I amended PERSON: A B C NON-PERSON: A B C DRUG: A B C GUILTY NOT GUILTY Dismissed by State Dismissed by Court Offense Date: 5/21/12

COUNT II original COUNT II amended PERSON: A B C NON-PERSON: A B C DRUG: A B C GUILTY NOT GUILTY Dismissed by State Dismissed by Court Offense Date:

COUNT III original COUNT III amended PERSON: A B C NON-PERSON: A B C DRUG: A B C GUILTY NOT GUILTY Dismissed by State Dismissed by Court Offense Date:

COUNT IV original COUNT IV amended PERSON: A B C NON-PERSON: A B C DRUG: A B C GUILTY NOT GUILTY Dismissed by State Dismissed by Court Offense Date:

SENTENCING

The Court proceeds with allocution, and the Defendant has been allowed to provide a statement on his/her own behalf. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COURT that Defendant should be and is hereby sentenced as follows:

COUNT 1 Sentence: 6 months suspended to 12 months supervised probation. COUNT Sentence: COUNT Sentence: COUNT Sentence:

12-4940



**SENTENCING (CONTINUED)**

These sentences are ordered:  To run consecutively  To run concurrently  Concurrent to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant makes application for probation. The application is  GRANTED  DENIED  Granted after \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
Conditions of Probation:

12 Months  Other Length: \_\_\_\_\_  Supervised  Unsupervised  
 Supervised by Court Services. Conditions to be drawn up by Court Services per local court rule 3.309.  
 Supervised by Other Agency.  Community Corrections  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Special Conditions:  
Defendant ordered to Register as an Offender  
with 3 days as provided by law  
No Contact w/ the Victim.

Credit for time served. Number of days: 1 Dates: 7/24/13 - 7/24/13 = 1

**OTHER ORDERS**

The Court advises the Defendant of right to appeal within 14 days. The Defendant is advised of expungement rights.  
 The evidence/property seized in this matter may be released to the lawful owner, consistent with Kansas statutes.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**COURT COSTS**

The Court makes the following findings as to restitution:

There is no restitution to be ordered in this case.  Restitution to be held open for 30 days.  
 The Defendant owes restitution in this case, to be paid in the following manner:

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PAYABLE TO: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PAYABLE TO: \_\_\_\_\_

The Defendant owes the following court costs, to be paid by: \_\_\_\_\_

|   |                               |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Restitution (total)      | Amount: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fines (total)            | Amount: _____                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court Costs   | Amount: <u>1810</u>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restitution (total)      | Amount: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Fee       | Amount: _____                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probation Fee | Amount: <u>600</u>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney Fee             | Amount: _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KBI Lab Fee              | Amount: _____                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surcharge     | Amount: <u>22.15</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                                     | <b>Amount: <u>2221.15</u></b> |

SUBMITTED BY:  
JD Kevin Keating #25047 Asst. D.A.  
[Signature] # 8075 Defense  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

IT IS SO ORDERED.  
[Signature]  
Presiding Judge of CR Division  
Shawnee County District Court

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY,

COURT SERVICES

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THIRD JUDICIAL DIST.  
TOPEKA, KS.

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STATE OF KANSAS

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

NO. 13CR1360

Ryan Sanders Cox

DEFENDANT

RELEASE FROM SUPERVISION

The period of probation ordered by the Court in the above-captioned case has now expired. You are hereby released from supervision with Court Services effective 10/18/14.

**Probation Conditions Satisfied**

**Court Costs and/or Restitution Satisfied**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Wilson  
Court Services Officer I

10/18/14  
Date

Original: Clerk of the District Court  
Copy: Court Services File

Defendant's Address 1550 Milwaukee St. Denver, CO 80206

October 21, 2014



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