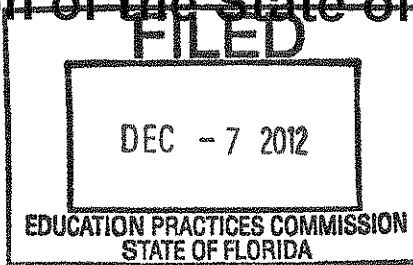




Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida



DR, ERIC J. SMITH,
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

DIANE CECELIA HOTHAN,

Respondent

EPC CASE N° 11-0452-RT
DOAH CASE N° 11-6064PL
INDEX N° 12-347-FOF
PPS N° 090-1060
CERTIFICATE N° 545766

Final Order

This matter was heard by a Teacher Panel of the Education Practices Commission pursuant to Sections 1012.795, 1012.796 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, on November 2, 2012, in Jacksonville, Florida, for consideration of the Recommended Order entered in this case by Robert E. Meale, Administrative Law Judge dated August 7, 2012. Respondent was not present but was represented by counsel.

The Panel hereby adopts the findings of fact, (paragraphs 1-57), conclusions of law, (paragraphs 58-73), and the recommendation contained in the Recommended Order. A copy of the Recommended Order, attached to and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted in full and becomes the Final Order of the Education Practices Commission.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

Respondent's Florida educator's certificate is hereby permanently revoked and Respondent is permanently barred from applying for another Florida educator's certificate.

This Order takes effect upon filing with the Clerk of the Education Practices Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 5th day of December, 2012.


MARK STRAUSS, Presiding Officer

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A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION AND A SECOND COPY, ACCOMPANIED BY FILING FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT, OR WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RENDITION OF THIS ORDER.

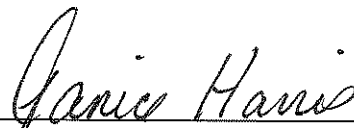
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Order was furnished to Diane Cecelia Hothan, 1731 SE 15th Street, Apt. 507, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316 and Jeffrey Sirmons, 510 Vonderburg Drive, Suite 309, Brandon, Florida 33511 by Certified U.S. Mail and by electronic mail to Margaret O'Sullivan Parker, Deputy General Counsel, Suite 1232, Turlington Building, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 and to Charles Whitelock, Esquire, 300 SE 13th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316 this 7th day of **December**, 2012.



Janice Harris,
Education Practices Commission