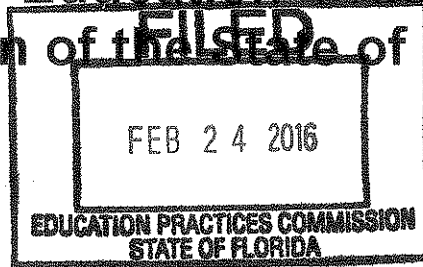




# Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida



PAM STEWART  
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

TRACEY ELAINE NEWTON,

Respondent

EPC CASE N<sup>o</sup>: 15-0132  
DOAH CASE N<sup>o</sup>: 15-1580PL  
INDEX N<sup>o</sup>: **16-061-FOF**  
PPS N<sup>o</sup>: 134-1408  
CERTIFICATE N<sup>o</sup>: 952211

## Final Order

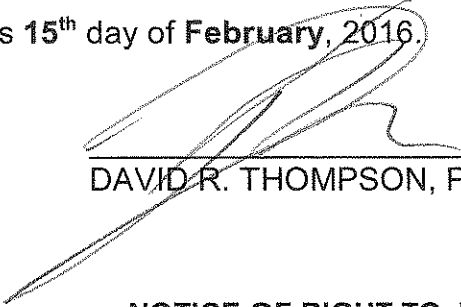
This matter was heard by a Teacher Panel of the Education Practices Commission pursuant to Sections 1012.795, 1012.796 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, on January 14, 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida, for consideration of the Recommended Order entered in this case by Lisa Shearer Nelson, Administrative Law Judge dated November 25, 2015. Respondent was not present, but represented by counsel.

After reviewing the complete record accompanying the Recommended Order, the Recommended Order, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission hereby adopts the findings of fact, (paragraphs 1-42), conclusions of law, (paragraphs 43-54), 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 the Administrative Complaint is hereby **DISMISSED**.

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

**DONE AND ORDERED**, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of **February, 2016**.



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DAVID R. THOMPSON, Presiding Officer

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**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Order was furnished to Tracey Elaine Newton, 8791 Southeast 88 Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34472 and Mark Herdman, Esq., 29605 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 110, Clearwater, Florida 33761 by Certified U.S. Mail and by electronic mail to Bonnie Wilmot, Deputy General Counsel, Suite 1232, Turlington Building, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 and Ron Weaver, Esq., Post Office Box 5675, Douglasville, Georgia 30154 this 24<sup>th</sup> day of **February**, 2016.



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Gretchen Kelley Brantley, Clerk  
Education Practices Commission