



## Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

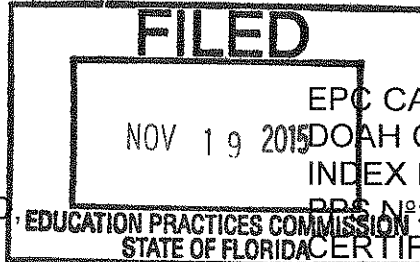
PAM STEWART  
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

MICHAEL JOSEPH FORD,

Respondent



EPC CASE N<sup>o</sup>: 15-0162-RT

DOAH CASE N<sup>o</sup>: 15-1884PL

INDEX N<sup>o</sup>: 15-403-FOF

PPS N<sup>o</sup>: 123-3138

CERTIFICATE N<sup>o</sup>: 823554

### 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 October 30, 2015, in Tampa, Florida, for consideration of the Recommended Order entered in this case by Lisa Shearer Nelson, Administrative Law Judge dated September 28, 2015. Respondent was not present.

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 1-46), conclusions of law, (paragraphs 47-62), 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of **November**, 2015.

  
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CHRISTIE GOLD, 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 Michael Joseph Ford, 13 Birchfield Drive Northeast, Rome, Georgia 30165 and Anthony D. Demma, Esq., Post Office Box 1547, Tallahassee, Florida 32302 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 30154-0012 this 19<sup>th</sup> day of **November**, 2015.



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Gretchen Kelley Brantley, Clerk  
Education Practices Commission