



Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

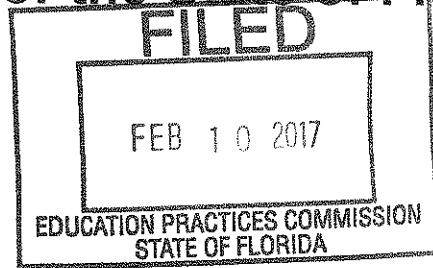
PAM STEWART,
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

WINSTON PELE NORTHERN,

Respondent.



EPC CASE N^o 16-0320-RT
DOAH CASE N^o 16-3078PL
PPS N^o 145-0432
CERTIFICATE N^o 1073562
EPC INDEX N^o 17-062-FOF

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 20, 2017 in Tallahassee, Florida, for consideration of the Recommended Order entered in this case by R. BRUCE MCKIBBEN, Administrative Law Judge. Respondent was not present, but was represented. Petitioner was represented by Darby Shaw, Esq.

Findings of Fact

1. The findings of fact set forth in the Recommended Order are approved and adopted and incorporated herein by reference.
2. There is competent substantial evidence to support the findings of fact.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Education Practices Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 1012, Florida Statutes.

2. The conclusions of law set forth in the Recommended Order are approved and adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

Penalty

Upon a complete review of the record in this case, the Commission determines that the penalty recommended by the Administrative Law Judge be ACCEPTED. It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

The Administrative Complaint is hereby dismissed.

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

DONE AND ORDERED, this 7th day of February, 2017.



JILLIAN ROSE, Presiding Officer

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 mailed to WINSTON PELE NORTHERN, 2550 Barry Drive South, Jacksonville, FL 32208 and Stephanie Schaap, Esq., Duval Teachers Union, 1601 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207 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 770088, Ocala, Florida 34477-0088 this 10 day of February, 2017.



Lisa Forbess, Clerk
Education Practices Commission

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