

Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida



RICHARD CORCORAN as the Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner	,
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VS.

ELIZABETH FELIX,

Respondent.

EPC CASE No. 19-0247-RT DOAH CASE No. 19-5153-PL PPS No. 178-2054 CERTIFICATE No. 1266409 INDEX No. 20-167-FOF

Final Order

This matter was heard by a Teacher Hearing Panel of the Education Practices Commission pursuant to Sections 1012.795, 1012.796 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, on May 20, 2020, via telephonic hearing in Tallahassee, Florida, for consideration of the Recommended Order (RO) entered in this case by BRIAN A. NEWMAN, Administrative Law Judge. Respondent was present and represented by counsel. Petitioner was represented by Ron Weaver, Esq.

Findings of Fact

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

support these 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 2nd day of June, 2020.

NICHOLAS PIETKIEWICZ, 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: Elizabeth Felix, 15020 East 98th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236 and Tobe M. Lev, Esq., Egan, Lev & Siwica, PA, 231 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32801 by Certified U.S. Mail and by electronic mail to Bonnie Wilmot, Deputy General Counsel, Suite 1544, Turlington Building, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 and Ron Weaver, Esq., Post Office Box 770088, Ocala, FL 34477 this 2nd day of June, 2020.

Lisa Forbess, Clerk

Education Practices Commission

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