



Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

RICHARD CORCORAN,
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

EMILY SONES,

Respondent.



EPC CASE No. 19-0275-RT
Index No. 21-294-FOF
DOAH CASE No. 19-5639PL
PPS No. 178-2463
CERTIFICATE No.: 717826

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 September 21, 2021, in Altamonte Springs, Florida, for consideration of the Recommended Order entered on June 17, 2021, in this case by CATHY M. SELLERS, Administrative Law Judge. Respondent was not present; however, he was represented by his counsel, Peter Caldwell, Esquire. Petitioner was represented by Robert Ehrhardt, Esquire. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the Recommended Order. Attached as composite Exhibit B are Respondent's Exceptions to Recommended Order and Petitioner's Response to Respondent's Exceptions to Recommended Order. Respondent filed a Notice of Scrivener's Error to Respondent's Exceptions to Recommended Order which was accepted and is attached as part of composite Exhibit B.

Ruling on Exceptions

1. For the reasons stated in the Petitioner's Response to Respondent's Exceptions, the Respondent's First exception is rejected.

2. For the reasons stated in the Petitioner's Response to Respondent's Exceptions, the Respondent's Second exception is rejected.

3. For the reasons stated in the Petitioner's Response to Respondent's Exceptions, the Respondent's Third exception is rejected.

4. For the reasons stated in the Petitioner's Response to Respondent's Exceptions, the Respondent's Fourth exception is rejected.

Findings of Fact

5. The Panel hereby adopts the findings of fact in the Recommended Order. There is competent substantial evidence to support these findings of fact.

Conclusions of Law

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

7. The Panel hereby adopts the conclusions of law in the Recommended Order.

Recommended Penalty

8. The Education Practices Commission hereby adopts the penalty in the Recommended Order.

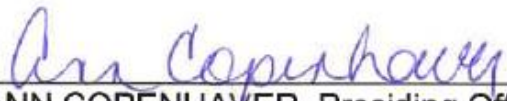
Penalty

Upon a complete review of the record in this case, it is therefore ORDERED that:

9. The Education Practices Commission issues a written **REPRIMAND** to Respondent.

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

DONE AND ORDERED, this 14th day of October, 2021.

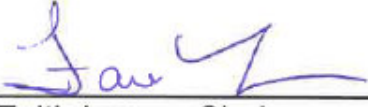

ANN COPENHAVER, Presiding Officer

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 furnished to: Emily Sones, 447 Northeast 195th Street, Apartment 410, Miami, FL 33179 and Peter Caldwell, Esquire, Florida Education Association, 1516 Hillcrest Street, Suite 109, Orlando, FL. 32803; by Certified U.S. Mail; and by electronic mail to Bonnie Wilmot, Deputy General Counsel, bonnie.wilmot@fldoe.org; this 14th day of October, 2021.



Faith Lenzo, Clerk
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