



Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida



RICHARD CORCORAN,
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

RUTH S. GAILLARD LEGER,

Respondent.

EPC CASE No. 20-0189-RT
Index No. 21-095-FOF
DOAH CASE No. 20-2987PL
PPS No. 178-2723
CERTIFICATE No. 1168653

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 April 9, 2021 in Tallahassee, Florida, via video conference, for consideration of the Recommended Order entered in this case by ROBERT L. KILBRIDE, Administrative Law Judge. Respondent was not present and was represented by Mark S. Wilensky, Esquire, who also was not present at the hearing. Petitioner was represented by Robert Ehrhardt, Esquire and Charles Whitelock, Esquire.

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

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

4. 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 Recommended Order issued by the Administrative Law Judge be ACCEPTED. It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

The Administrative Complaint issued against the Respondent is hereby **DISMISSED**.

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

DONE AND ORDERED, this 12th day of April, 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 mailed to Ruth S. Gaillard Leger, [REDACTED] and Mark S. Wilensky, Esquire, 1200 Corporate Center Way, Suite 200, Wellington, FL 33414-8594 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 Charles T. Whitelock, Esquire, 300 Southeast 13th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 this 12th day of April, 2021.



Faith Lenzo, Clerk
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