



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



RICHARD CORCORAN,  
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

JACQUELINE MARTIN AL-GHAMDI,

Respondent.

EPC CASE No. 20-0301-RT  
Index No. 21-103-FOF  
DOAH CASE No. 20-4366PL  
PPS No. 178-2020  
CERTIFICATE No. 722947

### 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 May 27, 2021 in Tallahassee, Florida, via video hearing, for consideration of the Recommended Order entered in this case by BRIAN A. NEWMAN, Administrative Law Judge. Respondent was not present and was represented by Branden M. Vicari, Esquire, who was also not present. Petitioner was represented by Anastasios Kamoutsas, Esquire and Ron Weaver, 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:

5. Respondent's certificate is hereby **SUSPENDED** for two (2) years from the date of this Final Order.

6. Upon employment in any public or private position requiring a Florida educator's certificate, Respondent shall be placed on one (1) employment years of probation with the conditions that during that period, the Respondent shall:

a. Immediately notify the investigative office in the Department of Education upon employment or termination of employment in the state in any public or private position requiring a Florida educator's certificate.

b. Have Respondent's immediate supervisor submit annual performance reports to the investigative office in the Department of Education.

c. Pay to the Commission during the first 6 months of each probation year the administrative costs (\$150) of monitoring probation assessed to the educator.

d. Violate no law and shall fully comply with all district school board policies, school rules, and State Board of Education rules.

e. Satisfactorily perform all assigned duties in a competent, professional manner.

f. Bear all costs of complying with the terms of a final order entered by the Commission.

g. Complete in-service coursework in the area of DCF Child Abuse, and provide documentation verifying successful completion to the probation compliance officer during the probation period.

h. Complete a National Education Association micro-credentials course of Ethics – Responsibility for Students, and provide documentation verifying successful completion to the probation compliance officer during the probation period.

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

**DONE AND ORDERED**, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 Jacqueline Martin Al-Ghamdi, 384 Fountainview Circle, Oldsmar, FL 34677 and Branden M. Vicari, Esquire, Herdman & Sakellarides, 29605 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 110, Clearwater, FL 33761 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, Esquire, P.O. Box 770088, Ocala, FL 34477 this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

  
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Faith Lenzo, Clerk  
Education Practices Commission

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