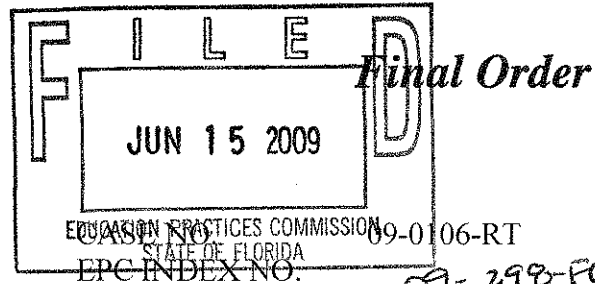




*Before the Education Practices Commission
of the State of Florida*

IN RE: Administrative Complaint seeking
disciplinary action against the Educator's
Certificate of **Jennifer Leigh-Manuell**.



An Administrative Complaint seeking disciplinary action against the educator's certificate of Respondent, **Jennifer Leigh-Manuell**, was filed by **DR. ERIC J. SMITH**, as Commissioner of Education on, December 18, 2007.

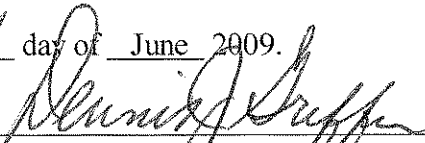
Respondent, holder of Florida educator's certificate number 977420, was served with a copy of the Administrative Complaint. Respondent has filed an answer to the Administrative Complaint stating that she did not wish to contest the charges, that she waived any further rights to due process or a public hearing, that she surrendered her certificate for permanent revocation, and that all her actions were free and voluntary.

The Administrative Complaint and the answers are incorporated as part of this Order.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Education Practices Commission, as empowered by F.S. 1012.796, hereby **PERMANENTLY REVOKES** educator's certificate number, 977420, held by , **Jennifer Leigh-Manuell**.

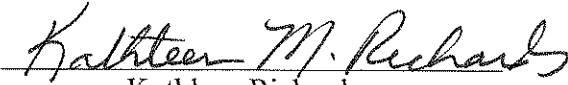
Reapplication will not be considered.

DONE AND ORDERED this 11 day of June 2009.


DENNIS GRIFFIN, Chairperson
Education Practices Commission

Final Order
Re: **Jennifer Leigh-Manuell**
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Order in the matter of **DR. ERIC J. SMITH vs. Jennifer Leigh-Manuell** was furnished to **Jennifer Leigh-Manuell**, at 141 Yale Avenue, Oakdale, New York, 11769 this 16 day of June 2009, by U. S. Mail.


Kathleen Richards
Education Practices Commission

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AMENDED ELECTION OF RIGHTS

Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner of Education,
Petitioner,

vs.

JENNIFER ROSE LEIGH-MANUELL
Respondent

File No.: 067-4038

Jennifer Rose Leigh-Manuell

Signify your election by checking the appropriate option:

- 1. **FORMAL HEARING OPTION** I dispute the allegations of the Administrative Complaint and I request a Formal Hearing before a Hearing Officer of the Division of Administrative Hearings. The allegations I dispute are:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.
- 2. **INFORMAL HEARING OPTION** I do not dispute the allegations of the Administrative Complaint and request an Informal Hearing before the Education Practices Commission.
- 3. **SURRENDER OPTION** I voluntarily surrender my certificate(s) for permanent revocation.
- 4. **SETTLEMENT OPTION** I request a forty-five (45) day period of time to try to negotiate a settlement with the Office of Professional Practices Services at (850) 245-0438. If an agreement is not reached within the forty-five (45) day period, the case will be scheduled for an Informal or Formal Hearing (if Formal Hearing is checked, please list the disputed allegations in 1a, b, and c). If neither Informal nor Formal is checked above, the action will be scheduled for an Informal Hearing.

I understand that I will be given notice of any date set for a Formal or Informal Hearing. I have read the Explanation of Rights, fully understand and/or have been advised of my legal rights. (If you do not understand your options, contact the Office of Professional Practices Services at (850) 245-0438.)

(EXECUTION BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC NOT REQUIRED IF CHOOSING OPTION 1)

Jennifer Rose Leigh-Manuell
Signature of Respondent

Street Address 141 Yale Ave
Oakdale, NY 11769
City

Telephone No. [REDACTED]

STATE OF ^{New York} ~~FLORIDA~~
COUNTY OF Suffolk
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 13th day of May, 2009.

by Jennifer Rose Leigh-Manuell
(Print Respondent's Name)

Catherine White
Signature of Notary Public
Catherine White
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01WH6097519
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires August 25, 2011

Personally Known or Produced Identification Type of Identification Produced _____
Commissioned Name of Notary Public _____

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION**

**DR. ERIC J. SMITH, as
Commissioner of Education,**

Petitioner,

vs.

CASE NO. 067-4038-F

JENNIFER ROSE LEIGH-MANUELL,

Respondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner, Dr. Eric J. Smith, as Commissioner of Education, files this Administrative Complaint against JENNIFER ROSE LEIGH-MANUELL. The Petitioner seeks the appropriate disciplinary sanction of the Respondent's educator's certificate pursuant to Sections 1012.795 and 1012.796, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to Rule 6B-1.006, Florida Administrative Code, Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida, said sanctions specifically set forth in Sections 1012.795(1) and 1012.796(7), Florida Statutes.

The Petitioner alleges:

JURISDICTION

1. The Respondent holds Florida Educator's Certificate 977420, covering the area of Physics, which is valid through June 30, 2008.
2. At all times pertinent hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Physics Teacher at Edgewood Junior High School in the Brevard County School District.

MATERIAL ALLEGATIONS

3. During Spring 2007 semester, Respondent engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with [REDACTED], a seventeen-year-old, male student. On 5 separate occasions, Respondent was alone with [REDACTED] in her car when she masturbated him to the point of ejaculation and allowed him to digitally penetrate her vagina. On or about March 15, 2007, Respondent's principal directed her to disassociate herself from [REDACTED] outside the classroom setting. On or about April 4, 2007, Respondent resigned in lieu of termination from her teaching position with the district.
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The Petitioner charges:

STATUTE VIOLATIONS

COUNT 1: The Respondent is in violation of Section 1012.795(1)(c), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent has been guilty of gross immorality or an act involving moral turpitude.

COUNT 2: The Respondent is in violation of Section 1012.795(1)(f), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent has been found guilty of personal conduct which seriously reduces her effectiveness as an employee of the school board.

COUNT 3: The Respondent is in violation of Section 1012.795(1)(i), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent has violated the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession prescribed by State Board of Education rules.

RULE VIOLATIONS

COUNT 4: The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Rule 6B-1.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, in that Respondent has failed to make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning and/or to the student's mental health and/or physical health and/or safety.


COUNT 5: The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Rule 6B-1.006(3)(e), Florida Administrative Code, in that Respondent has intentionally exposed a student to unnecessary embarrassment or disparagement.

COUNT 6: The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Rule 6B-1.006(3)(h), Florida Administrative Code, in that Respondent has exploited a relationship with a student for personal gain or advantage.

(SIGNATURE ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

WHEREFORE, based on the reasons set forth herein and in accordance with the Explanation of Rights and Election of Rights forms attached to and made a part of this Administrative Complaint, Petitioner respectfully recommends that the Education Practices Commission impose an appropriate sanction against the Respondent's educator's certificate pursuant to the authority provided in Sections 1012.795(1) and 1012.796(7), Florida Statutes. The sanctions imposed by the Education Practices Commission may include, but are not limited to, any one or a combination of the following: issuing the Respondent a written reprimand; placing the Respondent on probation for any period of time; restricting the Respondent's authorized scope of practice; assessing the Respondent an administrative fine; directing the Respondent to enroll in the Recovery Network Program; suspending the Respondent's educator's certificate for a period of time not to exceed five years; revoking the Respondent's educator's certificate for a period of time up to 10 years or permanently; or barring the Respondent from reapplying for an educator's certificate for a period of time up to 10 years or permanently.

EXECUTED on this 18th day of December, 2007.



DR. ERIC J. SMITH, as
Commissioner of Education
State of Florida