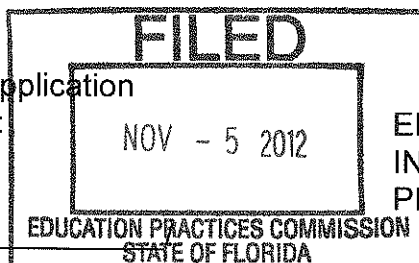




Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

IN RE The Denial of the Application
for Teacher's Certificate of:

CALVIN LITTLES



EPC CASE N° 12-0236-D
INDEX N° 12-321-FOI
PPS N° 112-1010-LA

Final Order

Calvin Littles, holds Florida educator's certificate no. 1179676. The Commissioner has filed a Notice of Reasons to deny the applicant authorization for an educator's certificate. A copy of the Notice of Reasons (NOR) is attached to and made a part of this Order.

This cause came before a teacher panel of the Education Practices Commission on September 27, 2012, in Orlando, Florida. The applicant was present.

The applicant has chosen not to dispute the allegations of the NOR and has requested an informal hearing to present evidence and testimony in mitigation. The Commission considered written material submitted by the applicant.

The factual allegations in paragraphs 1 through 5 of the NOR were adopted by the Education Practices Commission as its findings of fact. Counts 1 through 7 of the NOR were adopted by the Education Practices Commission as its conclusions of law.

Upon consideration, it is ORDERED that the application for an educator's certificate of Calvin Littles shall be DENIED for a period of 5 years. Further:

1. Upon employment in any public or private position requiring a Florida educator's certificate, applicant shall be placed on 2 employment years of probation with the

conditions that during that period, applicant 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 the applicant'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. Not consume, inject or ingest any controlled substance unless prescribed or administered for legitimate medical purposes.

H. For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the conditions of probation, submit to random substance abuse testing as directed by the Recovery Network Program or employer, and authorize direct reporting of results to each entity.

I. Provide a certified college transcript to verify successful (a grade of "pass" or a letter grade no lower than a "B") completion of 3 hours of college level course-work in the area of Ethics within the first year of probation, which may be taken online.

J. Pay an administrative fine of \$750.00 within the first year of probation.

This order shall become effective upon filing with the Clerk of the Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 1st day of **November**, 2012.



MARK STRAUSS, Presiding Officer

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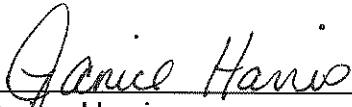
Probation Office

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 Calvin Littles, ;
Melbourne, Florida 32935 by Certified U.S. Mail and by electronic mail
to Margaret O'Sullivan Parker, Deputy General Counsel, Suite 1232, Turlington Building, 325
West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 this 5th day of **November**, 2012.



Janice Harris,
Education Practices Commission

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**IN RE: The Denial of the
Application for Teacher's
Certificate of:**

CASE NO. 112-1010-LA

CALVIN LITTLES.

NOTICE OF REASONS

CALVIN LITTLES, Melbourne, Florida 32935, Department of Education Number 1179676, having filed his application for a Florida Educator's Certificate before the Department of Education;

The Department of Education having reviewed the application in accordance with Sections 1012.315, 1012.56, 1012.795 and 1012.796, Florida Statutes, has determined that CALVIN LITTLES is not entitled to the issuance of a Florida Educator's Certificate, accordingly; and

The Department of Education files and serves upon the Applicant, CALVIN LITTLES, its Notice of Reasons for its denial in accordance with the provisions of Section 120.60, Florida Statutes.

The Department of Education alleges:

1. On or about December 14, 2003, in Brevard County, Florida, Applicant was in possession of crack cocaine. Applicant was arrested for Possession of Cocaine, but no Information was filed.
2. On or about February 24, 2007, in Brevard County, Florida, Applicant was in possession of cocaine and attempted to elude law enforcement. Applicant was arrested and charged with Count 1: Possession of Cocaine and Count 2: Resisting an Officer Without Violence. Applicant pled guilty, and adjudication was withheld on both counts.
3. On or about December 23, 2007, in Brevard County, Florida, Applicant made false statements in order to obtain unemployment compensation benefits. Applicant reported that he was unemployed with an income of \$550.00, when Applicant had actually earned \$4,834.00. Applicant was charged with Unemployment Compensation Fraud. Applicant pled guilty, and adjudication was withheld.

4. Applicant failed to acknowledge his criminal background as required by Florida law, and in conflict with his statement on the application that all information provided was true, accurate, and complete, in that he failed to acknowledge the following: 2007 charge of Possession of Cocaine/Resisting an Officer Without Violence; 2007 charge of Unemployment Compensation Fraud.

5. Pursuant to Section 1012.795(2), Florida Statutes, the plea of guilty or the decision of guilty by a court is prima facie proof of grounds for revocation or other sanctions.

The Department of Education charges:

STATUTE VIOLATIONS

COUNT 1: The Applicant is in violation of Section 1012.56(2)(e), Florida Statutes, which requires that the holder of a Florida Educator's Certificate be of good moral character.

COUNT 2: The Applicant is in violation of Section 1012.56(12)(a), Florida Statutes, which provides that the Department of Education may deny an Applicant a certificate if the department possesses evidence satisfactory to it that the Applicant has committed an act or acts, or that a situation exists for which the Education Practices Commission would be authorized to revoke a teaching certificate.

COUNT 3: The Applicant is in violation of Section 1012.795(1)(d), Florida Statutes, in that he has been guilty of gross immorality or an act involving moral turpitude as defined by rule of the State Board of Education.

COUNT 4: The Applicant is in violation of Section 1012.795(1)(f), Florida Statutes, in that the Applicant has been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty to, regardless of adjudication of guilt, a misdemeanor, felony, or any other criminal charge, other than a minor traffic violation.

COUNT 5: The Applicant is in violation of Section 1012.795(1)(j), Florida Statutes, in that he has violated the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession prescribed by State Board of Education rules.

RULE VIOLATIONS

COUNT 6: The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Rule 6B-1.006(5)(a), Florida Administrative Code, in that Applicant has failed to maintain honesty in all professional dealings.

COUNT 7: The Applicant is in violation of Rule 6B-1.006(5)(h), Florida Administrative Code, in that he has submitted fraudulent information on a document in connection with professional activities.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned concludes that the Applicant has committed an act or acts, or that a situation exists, which would authorize the Education Practices Commission to revoke or impose other sanctions against an educator's certificate. 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 Notice of Reasons, the undersigned respectfully recommends that the Education Practices Commission impose an appropriate sanction against the Applicant's application or educator's certificate pursuant to the authority provided in Sections 1012.56(11), 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: affirming the Department of Education's denial of the issuance of an educator's certificate to the Applicant for any period of time or permanently; issuing the Applicant a written reprimand; placing the Applicant on probation for any period of time; restricting the Applicant's authorized scope of practice; assessing the Applicant an administrative fine; directing the Applicant to enroll in the Recovery Network Program; suspending the Applicant's educator's certificate for a period of time not to exceed five years; revoking the Applicant's educator's certificate for a period of time up to 10 years or permanently; determining the Applicant to be ineligible for certification; or barring the Applicant from reapplying for an educator's certificate for a period of time up to 10 years or permanently.

EXECUTED on this 5th day of April, 2012.



GERARD ROBINSON, as
Commissioner of Education
State of Florida