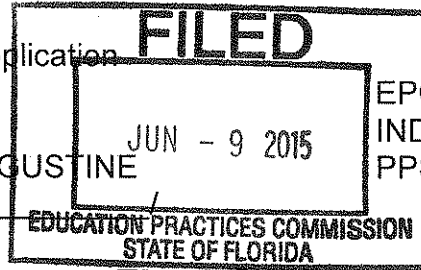




Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

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

KATHLEEN MICHELLE AUGUSTINE



EPC CASE N°: 15-0014-D

INDEX N°: 15-083-FOI

PPS N° 145-1004-LA

Final Order

Kathleen Michelle Augustine holds Florida educator's certificate no. 1224221. 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 May 7, 2015, in Tallahassee, 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.

Paragraph 1 of the NOR was adopted by the Education Practices Commission as its findings of fact. Counts 1 through 2 of the NOR were adopted by the Education Practices Commission as its conclusions of law.

Upon consideration, it is ORDERED that:

1. The Applicant is hereby issued a letter of reprimand.
2. The Applicant is permitted to pursue application for a Florida educator's certificate. If found qualified, the certificate shall be issued.

3. Applicant is assessed an administrative fine of \$750.00 to be paid within one year from the date of this Final Order.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 3rd day of June, 2015.



PAMELA BONDURANT, Presiding Officer

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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 Kathleen Michelle Augustine, [REDACTED] Merritt Island, Florida 32953 by Certified U.S. Mail and by electronic mail to Bonnie Wilmot, Assistant General Counsel, Suite 1232, Turlington Building, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 this 9th day of June, 2015.



Gretchen Kelley Brantley, Clerk
Education Practices Commission

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- ❖ Medical or mental health records
- ❖ Sealed or expunged records
- ❖ Minor names or information that identifies the minor

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EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA

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June 3, 2015

Kathleen Augustine

[REDACTED]
Merritt Island, Florida 32953

Re: Pam Stewart vs. Kathleen Augustine
EPC No.: 15-0014-D; DOE No.: 1224221

Dear Ms. Augustine:

As you know, the teacher panel of the Education Practices Commission reviewed the matter pending against you. The panel concluded that you violated the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession prescribed by the State Board of Education rules and hereby reprimands you for the conduct alleged in the Notice of Reasons which is incorporated herein.

This panel, composed of your peers, believes that, as a teacher, you are required to exercise a measure of leadership beyond reproach. By your actions, you have lessened the reputation of all who practice our profession. The profession cannot condone your actions, nor can the public who employ us.

The Education Practices Commission sincerely hopes it is your intention to never allow this situation to occur again or indeed, to violate any professional obligation in fulfilling your responsibilities as an educator. To violate the standards of the profession will surely result in further action being taken against you.

This letter of reprimand is being placed in your state certification file, and a copy is being sent to the Brevard County School Board for placement in your personnel file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Bondurant".

Pamela Bondurant
Presiding Officer