



Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

PAM STEWART as the
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

RYAN BELLEW,

Respondent.



EPC CASE N^o: 18-0013-RT

Index N^o: 18-202-FOI

PPS N^o 156-1722

Certificate No.: 1282429

Final Order

This matter appeared before the Education Practices Commission (“Commission”) at a duly-noticed public meeting on April 11, 2018 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Petitioner has filed an Administrative Complaint seeking suspension, revocation, permanent revocation or other disciplinary action against the certificate. A copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached to and made a part of this Order.

Service of the Administrative Complaint was made upon Respondent by personal service. Respondent has failed to respond to the Administrative Complaint and has not requested a hearing or any other proceeding. Respondent was neither present nor represented.

FINDING OF FACTS

The Commission finds that Respondent was properly served with the Administrative Complaint, has failed to respond timely, and has waived any right to be heard.

The Commission adopts as its finding of facts the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes the Respondent has violated Section(s) 1012.795(1)(f), Florida Statutes.


The Commission is empowered by Sections 1012.795(1) and 1012.796(7), Florida Statutes, to impose a penalty against the Respondent.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that:

1. Respondent is hereby issued a letter of reprimand.
2. Respondent is assessed an administrative fine of \$750.00 to be paid within 1 year of the date of this Final Order.
3. Respondent is not permitted to transport minor students in or on motor vehicles for a period of 2 years from the date of this Final Order.

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

DONE AND ORDERED, this 19th day of April, 2018.


CHRISTIE GOLD, Presiding Officer

COPIES FURNISHED TO:

Office of Professional Practices
Services

Bureau of Educator Certification

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

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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 Ryan Bellew [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio 43215-4808 by Certified U.S. Mail and by electronic mail to Darby Shaw, Deputy General Counsel, Suite 1232, Turlington Building, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 this 19th day of April, 2018.



Lisa Forbess, Clerk
Education Practices Commission

**STATE OF FLORIDA
EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION**

**PAM STEWART, as
Commissioner of Education,**

Petitioner,

vs.

CASE NO. 156-1722

RYAN BELLEW,

Respondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner, Pam Stewart, as Commissioner of Education, files this Administrative Complaint against RYAN BELLEW. The Petitioner seeks the appropriate disciplinary sanction of the Respondent's educator's certificate pursuant to sections 1012.315, 1012.795, and 1012.796, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to Rule 6A-10.081, 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 1282429, covering the area of English, which is valid through June 30, 2020.
2. At all times pertinent hereto, the Respondent was employed as an English Teacher at Southwest Middle School in the Brevard County School District.

MATERIAL ALLEGATIONS

3. On or about November 18, 2016, Respondent was driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated when he crashed resulting in damage to property. Respondent was arrested and charged with Ct1: DUI above .15, Ct2: DUI with property damage and Ct3: Careless Driving.
4. On or about May 26, 2016, Respondent pled No Contest to Count 1 and was adjudicated guilty. The State dismissed the other two counts.

The Petitioner charges:

STATUTE VIOLATIONS

COUNT 1: The Respondent is in violation of section 1012.795(1)(f), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent 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.

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; determining the Respondent to be ineligible for certification; 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 April, 2017.



PAM STEWART, as
Commissioner of Education
State of Florida



EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA

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April 19, 2018

Ryan Bellew



Columbus, Ohio 43215-4808

Re: Pam Stewart vs. Ryan Bellew
EPC No.: 18-0013-RT; DOE No.: 1282429

Dear Mr. Bellew:

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 Administrative Complaint which is incorporated herein.

This panel, which includes fellow educators, 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 and have diminished your position as an educational leader. The profession cannot condone your actions, nor can the public who employ us.

The Education Practices Commission sincerely hopes it is your intention never 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.

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 blue ink that reads "Christie Gold".

Christie Gold
Presiding Officer