

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 13, 2015

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
RE: DENISE KATHLEEN GARRIGUS; LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

At its meeting on August 13, 2015, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) heard Denise Kathleen Garrigus' request for reinstatement of her teaching license under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410. Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq., the Board hereby states as follows:

I. Findings of Fact:

- A. Denise Kathleen Garrigus holds a standard teaching license valid until December 31, 2015.
- B. On March 11, 2013, the Board granted Ms. Garrigus a waiver of the Child Maltreatment Central Registry true finding that disqualified her for licensure under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410. The Board conditioned the waiver on the suspension of her license until her name is removed from the registry. The Board further required that Ms. Garrigus petition the Board for reinstatement when her name is removed.
- C. Ms. Garrigus presented evidence to the Board that her name was removed from the registry on July 6, 2015.
- D. A motion was made to grant Ms. Garrigus' request for reinstatement of her license and allow the Department to issue an appropriate license if all other eligibility requirements have been established. The Board's vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

II. Conclusions of Law:

- A. The State Board of Education may consider certain enumerated offenses as a disqualification for licensing and may place a license on probation, suspend a license, or revoke a license permanently when a person has a true report in the Child Maltreatment Central Registry or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to or has been found guilty of any of the enumerated offenses. See Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-410.
- B. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the meeting and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-410 and 25-15-201 et seq., the Arkansas State Board of Education grants Denise Kathleen Garrigus' request for the reinstatement of her license. If Ms. Garrigus otherwise meets the requirements for licensing, the Department may issue her a license.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Toyce Newton, Chair
State Board of Education