

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**April 14, 2016**

**IN RE MELISSA ELLEN STEWART**  
**CONSENT ORDER FOR SURRENDER AND REVOCATION OF LICENSE**

The Arkansas State Board of Education (Board), at its meeting of April 14, 2016, in the matter of the surrender and revocation of the license of Melissa Ellen Stewart, finds that the voluntary surrender of her license should be acknowledged and her license should be permanently revoked in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. 25-15-101 et seq. Accordingly, the Board hereby states as follows:

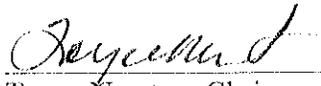
**I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Melissa Ellen Stewart holds a standard license valid until December 31, 2020.
2. Following her arrest in December 2015 on charges of furnishing alcohol to minors, Ms. Stewart voluntarily surrendered her standard teaching license to the Department of Education on February 23, 2016. Ms. Stewart surrendered her license with the understanding that the Board does not have a provision for the mere surrender of a license and that, therefore, the surrender of her license will result in its permanent revocation.
3. Ms. Stewart has waived any right to notice or a hearing or any other rights she might be entitled to under the Administrative Procedure Act including those rights set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-211 and 212.
4. Ms. Stewart's surrender is evidenced by the signed consent attached to this order.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-208 (b), provides for the resolution of this matter by consent order.
2. The Board voted unanimously to accept the surrender of Ms. Stewart's license.
3. Melissa Ellen Stewart's Arkansas teaching license is not eligible for renewal and is hereby permanently revoked.
4. This order shall become a permanent entry in the licensure file of the educator.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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Toyce Newton, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education

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MELISSA E. STEWART

CONSENT TO THE PERMANENT REVOCATION  
OF MY ARKANSAS EDUCATOR'S LICENSE

1. I, **Melissa E. Stewart**, voluntarily surrender my Arkansas educator's license and any right to apply for renewal.
2. I understand that an educator's license means a teaching license and/or an administrator's license.
3. I acknowledge and understand that I **cannot** apply for an educator's license in Arkansas **at any time** in the future.
4. I **shall not** apply for an educator's license in Arkansas **at any time** in the future.
5. I acknowledge and understand that an educator's license **shall not** be issued to me at any time in the future.
6. I acknowledge and understand that the State Board of Education's acceptance of the surrender of my educator's license will result in its **PERMANENT REVOCATION** because Arkansas law has no provision for the mere surrender of an educator's license.
7. I acknowledge and understand that the Department of Education reports revocation of an educator's license to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse, which is a national database consulted by other states' licensure units.
8. I waive all rights I may have to any further notice, hearing, or appeal under the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq.
9. I am X / I am not \_\_\_\_\_ represented by legal counsel in this matter.

Date: 2/2/16

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Melissa E. Stewart