

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER  
IN RE HEATHER ANN DAVENPORT; PLSB CASE NO. 15-150**

At its regular meeting on January 14, 2016, the Arkansas State Board of Education (“Board”) accepted the recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee (“Ethics Subcommittee”) for disciplinary action against the teaching license of Heather Ann Davenport (“Educator Davenport”). Based upon Educator Davenport’s consent to the Ethics Subcommittee’s recommendation and the evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq., the Board finds that the Educator Davenport’s license should be permanently revoked. The Board hereby states as follows:

**I. Findings of Fact:**

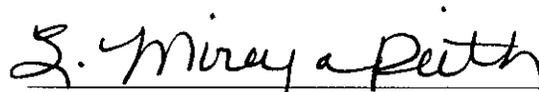
- a. The Arkansas Department of Education issued Educator Davenport a standard five-year teaching license on January 1, 2013, valid until December 31, 2017.
- b. The Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee (“Ethics Subcommittee”) received an allegation that Educator Davenport violated the Arkansas Department of Education rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators (“Code of Ethics”) promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-422 and 6-17-428.
- c. On June 5, 2015, the Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into the allegations that Educator Davenport violated Standard 1: An educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside the classroom.
- d. On June 11, 2015, Educator Davenport was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee’s authorization to investigate the allegation.

- e. On November 4, 2015, after considering the investigator's report and evidence, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found reasonable belief that Educator Davenport violated Standard 1 when she:
- Had an inappropriate relationship with a student.
- f. On December 9, 2015, Educator Davenport, through her attorney, accepted the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation of permanent revocation of her license.
- g. Educator Davenport has waived her right to any notice, hearing, and any other rights she might be entitled to under the Administrative Procedure Act including those set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-15-211 and 212.

**II. Conclusion of Law:**

- a. The Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-208 (b), provides for the resolution of this matter by consent order.
- b. The Board voted unanimously to permanently revoke Educator Davenport's license.
- c. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Davenport's professional licensure file and the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mireya Reith, Vice Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education