IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

In the matter of the certificates of: Brenda Honena, Respondent

Case No. 21701

FINAL ORDER

The Chief Certification Officer for the State of Idaho filed an Administrative Complaint against the teaching certificates issued to Brenda Honena, seeking for the Professional Standards Commission to impose discipline on Ms. Honena's certificates. See Idaho Code § 33-1209. Because Ms. Honena did not request a hearing within 30 days, and because Ms. Honena was determined to be in default by a hearing/presiding officer, the allegations in the Administrative Complaint are treated as admitted, Idaho Code § 33-1209(3), and are incorporated by reference as findings of fact.

Based on these findings, the Professional Standards Commission concludes that Ms. Honena violated Idaho Code § 33-1208(1)(f) (“Conviction, finding of guilt, withheld judgment or suspended sentence, in this or any other state of a crime involving moral turpitude”); and Idaho Code § 33-1208(1)(l) (“Conviction, finding of guilt, withheld judgment, or suspended sentence, in this state or any other state of any felony, the commission of which renders the certificated person unfit to teach or otherwise perform the duties of the certificated person’s position.”). The Professional Standards Commission also concludes that Ms. Honena willfully violated Code of Ethics Principle V (Idaho Admin Code r. 08.02.02.076.06) (“A professional educator entrusted with public funds and property honors that trust with a high level of honesty, accuracy, and responsibility.”). See Idaho Code § 33-1208(1)(j).

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As for discipline, the Chief Certification Officer has requested that Ms. Honena's certificates be revoked. Administrative Complaint, Request for Relief ¶ 1. Under Idaho Code § 33-1208, the Professional Standards Commission orders that the following discipline (as marked) be imposed on Ms. Honena's certificates.

The discipline requested by the Chief Certification Officer

[ ] The discipline requested by the Chief Certification Officer: Ms. Honena's certificates are revoked.

Other discipline

[ ] Ms. Honena's certificates are revoked.

[ ] Ms. Honena's certificates are permanently revoked under Idaho Code § 33-1208(2).

[ ] Ms. Honena's certificates are suspended for ____ years ____ months

[ ] Ms. Honena's certificates are suspended indefinitely pending completion of the following conditions:

1. ___________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________________________

[ ] Ms. Honena's certificates have the following conditions placed upon it:

1. ___________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________________________

[ ] A letter of reprimand will be placed in Ms. Honena's permanent certification file.

This Order is effective on the day it is signed. This Order and the Administrative Complaint, which will be attached to this Order, are public records, and may be made available on the State Department of Education or the Commission's website.

Dated this ___ day of November, 2017.

[Signature]

Elisa Saffle, Member
Idaho Professional Standards Commission

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RECONSIDERATION AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is a final order of the Professional Standards Commission. Any party may file a motion for reconsideration of this order within 14 days of the service date of this order. The agency will dispose of the petition for reconsideration within 21 days of its receipt; if not, the petition will be denied as a matter of law. See Idaho Code § 67-5246. Petitions for reconsideration may be filed by mail addressed to the Professional Standards Commission, State Department of Education, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0027, or hand delivered to the Commission at 650 West State Street, Second Floor, Boise, ID 83720.

Any party aggrieved by this final order or orders previously issued in this case may seek judicial review of the orders in this case in district court. A party may do this by filing a petition for judicial review in the district court as provided in Idaho Code §§ 67-5270 and 67-5272. The petition must be filed within 28 days of the service date of this final order; or, if a motion for reconsideration is filed, within 28 days of the service of a decision on the motion for reconsideration or denial of the motion as a matter of law. Idaho Code § 67-5273. The filing of a petition for judicial review does not itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the agency action. Idaho Code § 67-5274.
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20 day of December, 2017, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Brenda Honena

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