

**BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

CINA LACKEY, CHIEF CERTIFICATION OFFICER,)	
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Complainant,)	FINAL ORDER RE: REINSTATEMENT OF RESPONDENT’S EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE
vs.)	
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GINNY MEREDITH,)	
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Respondent)	
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On February 12, 2024, this matter came before a hearing panel of the Professional Standards Commission of the State of Idaho (“Hearing Panel”) for an administrative hearing. The Hearing Panel had been convened to consider the denial of the Idaho Educator Certification Application for Reinstatement (“Reinstatement Application”) for Ginny Meredith (“Respondent”) by Cina Lackey, Chief Certification Officer for the State of Idaho Department of Education (“Complainant”).

**I.
SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

1. Prior to the start of the hearing, the parties met privately and reached a settlement agreement regarding the denial of the Reinstatement Application.
2. The Hearing Panel went on record and asked the parties to present a summary of the case and then explain the settlement agreement that had been reached.
3. The Hearing Panel then orally voted and unanimously approved the settlement agreement.
4. This Final Order affirms the parties’ settlement agreement setting out the terms and conditions below.

II. **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

1. On June 20, 2023, Respondent submitted the Reinstatement Application.
2. On October 30, 2023, Complainant denied the Reinstatement Application stating Respondent had unmet conditions from a prior stipulation.
3. On December 1, 2023, Respondent appealed the denial and requested a hearing.
4. On February 12, 2024, an administrative hearing in this matter was set to be conducted before the Hearing Panel. The hearing was set to be held in the Twin Falls Public Library Meeting Room, 201 Fourth Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Deputy Attorney General Kyle Grigsby represented Complainant.¹ Respondent represented herself. Mike Wilkinson served as Chair for the Hearing Panel. Lori Baker and Lance Butler served as the other members of the Hearing Panel. Karen Sheehan, Deputy Attorney General, served as legal counsel for the Hearing Panel.
5. Prior to the start of the hearing, the parties stated they had reached a settlement agreement.
6. Since a settlement agreement had been reached, a hearing was not held. Instead, the Hearing Panel announced the case on the record, requested a summary of the background of the case, and then unanimously voted to approve the settlement agreement.

FINAL ORDER

This Hearing Panel has authority under Idaho Code § 33-1208 and § 33-1209 to hear this contested case initiated by Complainant against Respondent.

¹ Along with the Chief Certification Officer, Annette Schwab, also with the Professional Standards Commission, was present.

This Hearing Panel has authority under Idaho Code § 33-1208 and § 33-1209 to affirm (or reverse) Complainant's denial of an application.

IT IS THE FINAL ORDER of this Hearing Panel that the settlement agreement between the Chief Certification Officer and Respondent is affirmed and approved. The terms and conditions of the settlement agreement are as follows:

1. Respondent shall complete an initial urinalysis ("UA"), and if negative then Respondent may submit a new Idaho Educator Certification Application for Reinstatement ("New Application"), including but not limited to paying all fees and completing a background check. Assuming the New Application is in order, then Complainant will issue Respondent a three-year interim Idaho Educator Certificate ("Interim Certificate").
2. For Respondent to maintain the Interim Certificate she shall meet all standard conditions for reinstatement including but not limited to:
 - a. Timely complete two years of successful evaluations; and
 - b. Timely complete six professional development credits.
3. In addition, for Respondent to maintain her Interim Certificate she shall do the following:
 - a. Timely complete quarterly random UAs for the entire duration of the Interim Certificate; and
 - b. Timely enroll and participate in a professional health monitoring testing program, such as the program run by FirstLab.

[Signature Page Follows]

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 4 day of March, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wilkinson', is written over a horizontal line.

Mike Wilkinson
Hearing Panel Chair

REVIEW OF FINAL ORDER

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER OF THE HEARING PANEL. Any party may file a Petition for Reconsideration of this Final Order within fourteen (14) days of its service date. The Hearing Panel is required by law to dispose of a Petition for Reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its filing or the Petition for Reconsideration will be considered to be denied by operation of law. *See Idaho Code § 67-5243(3).*

Petitions for Reconsideration of this Final Order may be filed by mail addressed to the Professional Standards Commission, Department of Education, Statehouse, Boise, ID 83720-0027, or may be delivered to the Department of Education, Len B. Jordan Building, Room 200, 650 West State Street, Boise, Idaho, and must be received within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this Final Order.

Judicial Review

Pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 33-1209(8), 67-5270, and 67-5272, any party aggrieved by this Final Order or by another Order previously entered in this Contested Case may obtain Judicial Review of this Final Order and of all previously issued Orders in this Contested Case by filing a Petition for Judicial Review in the District Court as provided by those sections.

A Petition for Judicial Review must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days of the service date of this Final Order, or, if a Petition for Reconsideration is timely filed, within twenty-eight (28) days of the service date of a final order on the Petition for Reconsideration or denial of the Petition for Reconsideration by operation of law. *See Idaho Code §§ 67-5246 and 67-5273.*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5th day of March, 2024, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the preceding as follows:

Ginny Meredith, Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail: ginnymeredith1@gmail.com
Kyle Grigsby, Deputy Attorney General Office of the Attorney General Statehouse Boise, ID 83720-0010	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail: kyle.grigsby@ag.idaho.gov
Annette Schwab Idaho State Department of Education Program Specialist, Ethics and Background Checks	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail: ASchwab@sde.idaho.gov

/s/ Karen Sheehan

Karen Sheehan
Lead Deputy Attorney General
Hearing Panel Legal Counsel