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COUNTY OF HUGHES) **SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT. OF EDUCATION**

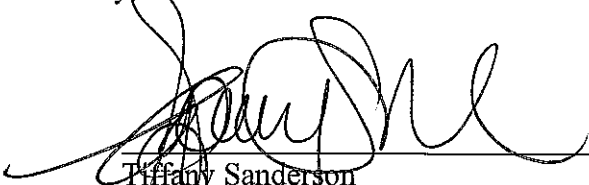
In re: Certification Application of) **DSE 2021-16**
EMMA HARRISON) **ORDER DENYING**
) **EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE**

In accordance with and pursuant to the authority granted to the Secretary by SDCL § 13-42-4, 13-42-7, and ARSD article 24:18, and after review of the record herein, the Secretary issues the following Order:

1. The Secretary accepts the allegations of the Notice of Intent to Deny Teaching Certificate as true and enters the attached Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
2. The application of Emma Harrison for an initial out-of-state educator certificate is DENIED.
3. Emma Harrison is prohibited from reapplication for an educator certificate in the State of South Dakota until July 1, 2023.
4. The Order and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are a public record pursuant to SDCL § 13-42-17.1 and ARSD 24:18:04:05.
5. Notification of this denial is to be placed on the NASDTEC registry and be placed in applicant’s permanent certification file within the South Dakota Department of Education.

This constitutes final agency action and may be appealed to circuit court pursuant to ARSD 24:18:02:06.

Dated this the 29 of February, 2022.


Tiffany Sanderson
Secretary
South Dakota Department of Education
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501

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EMMA HARRISON) **FINDINGS OF FACT AND**
) **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Emma Harrison filed an initial out-of-state application for an educator certificate which was activated on July 8, 2021. After a review of the entire file, the Secretary enters the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

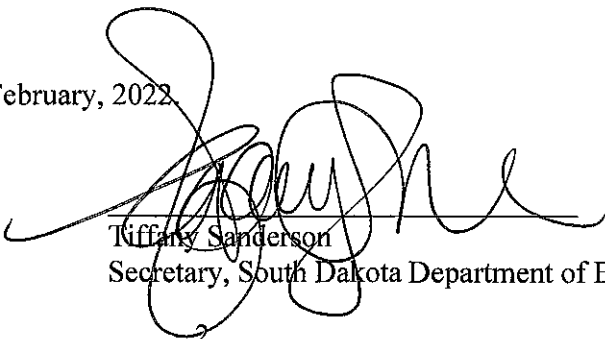
1. On or about December 27, 2021, the South Dakota Department of Education Office of Educator Certification (hereinafter “Department”) served a Notice of Intent to Deny Educator Certificate and attached exhibits on Emma Harrison (hereinafter “Harrison”) via certified mail and email. See Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part of this document.
2. The Notice of Intent informed Harrison that if she failed to request a hearing within 30 days after service of the notice, the allegations of the Notice would be accepted as true by the Secretary.
3. The Department received no request for hearing from Harrison within the 30-day period.
4. On July 30, 2021, the Department contacted Harrison stating that the Department had yet to receive the required documents before the Department could begin processing her application.
5. On July 30, 2021, Harrison submitted an out-of-state educator certification verification form from New Jersey.
6. The Department had contacted Harrison on August 23, 2021, to provide another verification form from New Jersey due to a question was not answered on the form.
7. On August 23, 2021, Harrison submitted another out-of-state educator certification verification form from New Jersey.

8. The Department contacted the New Jersey Department of Education to confirm Harrison's certification. The New Jersey Department of Education stated they did not complete either of the out-of-state education certification verification forms that Harrison had submitted.
9. A telephone interview was conducted with Harrison on October 15, 2021. Harrison stated that she received both forms from New Jersey via email. The Department requested Harrison to provide the emails from New Jersey.
10. No emails were provided to the Department.
11. Harrison completed the application online and electronically signed an oath of affirmation prior to submitting the application. The oath of affirmation declares that under penalty of perjury pursuant to SDCL § 22-29-9.1 that the application and accompanying documents are true, accurate, complete, and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the applicant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12. Grounds for the denial or non-renewal of an educator certificate are provided in SDCL § 13-42.
13. The Secretary of the Department of Education has the power and authority to refuse to issue or renew a certificate. SDCL §§ 13-42-7 and 13-42-9.
14. Harrison's use of a fraudulent form and failure to cooperate with the Department constitutes moral turpitude in violation of SDCL § 13-42-9.
15. Any Conclusion of Law more properly designated as a Finding of Fact is hereby so designated.
16. Harrison's application should be denied pursuant to SDCL § 13-42-9.
17. Harrison should be prohibited from reapplication for an educator certificate in the State of South Dakota until July 1, 2023.

Dated this the 24th of February, 2022.


Tiffany Sanderson
Secretary, South Dakota Department of Education

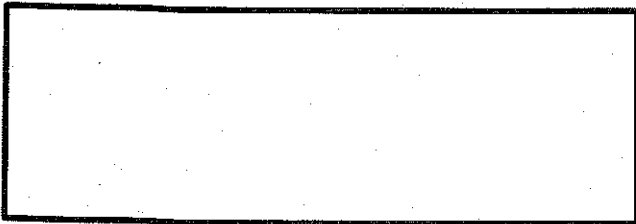
DSE 2021-16
Harrison, Emma

"INTENT TO DENY"

Certified: 12/20/2021

Emma Harrison
1201 West Esplanade Ave Apt. #1901
Kenner, LA 70065

Standard USPS: 12/20/2021



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