

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATE OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
KRISTI PENNYPACKER : ORDER OF SUSPENSION
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This matter was opened by the State Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Kristi Pennypacker as to why her teaching certificate should not be revoked. The New Jersey State Audiology and Speech language Pathology Advisory Committee had informed the Board that Pennypacker had voluntarily surrendered her Speech-Language Pathologist license and agreed to cease from engaging in any aspect of the practice of speech-language pathology, including practicing in a public school setting. Pennypacker currently holds a Speech-Language Specialist certificate, issued in September 2006. After receiving Pennypacker's Answer to the Order to Show Cause and determining that no material facts were in dispute, the Board offered her the opportunity to file a written submission on the issue of whether her conduct provided cause for the Board to take action against her certificate and, if so, the appropriate sanction. She was also given the opportunity to appear before the Board to offer testimony on the sanction issue. Pennypacker appeared by telephone for a sanction hearing at the Board's meeting on May 17, 2012. Pennypacker presented a proposal to the Board in which her certificate would be suspended indefinitely until such time that the Board could make a final determination on the merits of the matter after she was deemed medically able to resume her career. After reviewing the proposal, the Board, at its meeting of July 26, 2012, voted to accept the proposal to "suspend Pennypacker's certificates until such time as she has had her certificates reinstated by the Board of Speech Pathologists and the Board of Examiners has made a final determination on the issue of whether her teaching certificates should be revoked or suspended."

Accordingly, on this 21st day of September 2012, Kristi Pennypacker's Speech-Language Specialist certificate is hereby SUSPENDED indefinitely until such time as she has had her certificates reinstated by the Board of Speech Pathologists and the Board of Examiners has made a final determination on the issue of whether her teaching certificates should be revoked or suspended. The suspension shall take effect immediately.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Decision:

Date of Mailing:

Appeals may be made to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-38.4.