

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
STEPHEN B. GIFFORD : ORDER OF REVOCATION
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At its meeting of December 8, 2017, the New Jersey State Board of Examiners (Board) reviewed an affidavit that the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office had forwarded regarding Stephen B. Gifford. On September 20, 2017, Gifford pled guilty to Endangering the Welfare of Children-Distribution of Child Pornography. On November 8, 2017, Gifford was sentenced to three years in prison. Gifford currently holds a Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-5 Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, issued in January 2008, and Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Mathematics in Grades 5-8 and Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Science in Grades 5-8 Certificates of Eligibility with Advanced Standing, both issued in March 2012.

Gifford agreed to relinquish his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation and all attendant consequences in his affidavit to that effect to the Board. At its meeting of December 8, 2017, the Board voted to accept Gifford's relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.7*.

Accordingly, on this 8th day of December 2017, it is therefore ORDERED that Stephen B. Gifford's Teacher of Elementary School in Grades K-5, Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Mathematics in Grades 5-8 and Teacher of Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Science in Grades 5-8 Certificates of Eligibility with Advanced Standing are hereby revoked, effective immediately.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

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Date of Mailing:
via certified and regular mail

Appeals may be made to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.3(b)*.