

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
JOSEPH TOWNS : ORDER OF REVOCATION  
\_\_\_\_\_ : DOCKET NO. 1415-103

At its meeting of May 21, 2015, the New Jersey State Board of Examiners (Board) reviewed an affidavit that the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office had submitted regarding Joseph Towns. In April 2015, Towns pled guilty to Criminal Sexual Contact and Official Misconduct. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2C:51-2*, Towns was ordered to forfeit his public employment and was forever disqualified from holding any position of honor, trust or profit under this State or any of its administrative or political subdivisions. Towns was also disqualified from public school employment pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq.* Towns currently holds a Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility, issued in November 2004 and a Teacher of English certificate, issued in January 2007.

Towns 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 May 21, 2015, the Board voted to accept Towns' relinquishment with the force and effect of a revocation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.8*.

Accordingly, on this 21st day of May 2015 it is therefore ORDERED that Joseph Towns' Teacher of English Certificate of Eligibility and his Teacher of English certificate be revoked effective immediately.

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Robert R. Higgins, Secretary  
State Board of Examiners

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**Date of Mailing:**

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