

STATE OF COLORADO OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS 1525 Sherman Street, 4 th Floor, Denver, Colorado 80203	<p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p>
COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, Petitioner, vs. LETECIA LYNN STAUCH, Respondent.	
INITIAL DECISION UPON DEFAULT	

This case is a proceeding before the Colorado State Board of Education (“the Board”) involving the professional teacher license of Letecia Lynn Stauch (“Respondent”). The Board was represented by Julie C. Tolleson, First Assistant Attorney General. Respondent did not appear in this proceeding. Based upon Respondent’s failure to file a timely answer to the Board’s Notice of Charges, an Entry of Default was issued on August 19, 2020. Respondent then had ten days to show good cause why the default should be set aside. Section 24-4-105(2)(b), C.R.S. No motion to set aside the default was filed, and this matter became ready for issuance of an initial decision upon default.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The last address furnished by Respondent to the Board is [REDACTED].
2. Notice of the nature of this proceeding, the legal authority and jurisdiction under which it was held, and the matters of fact and law asserted was mailed by first class mail to Respondent at the above address on June 1, 2020.
3. The Notice of Duty to Answer alerted Respondent that failure to respond to the Notice of Charges within 30 days could result in a default decision issued against Respondent’s Colorado licensure.
4. To date, no written answer to the Notice of Charges has been filed by Respondent.
5. The Board’s Motion for Default was mailed by first class mail to Respondent at this address on July 23, 2020. Respondent did not file a response to the motion.

6. The Administrative Law Judge's Entry of Default was mailed to Respondent by first class mail at the last furnished address on August 19, 2020. No motion to set aside the Entry of Default was filed by the Respondent.

7. Respondent is deemed to have admitted the allegations of the Notice of Charges, which are incorporated herein as Findings of Fact.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent has received timely notice of the time, place, and nature of this hearing; of all matters of fact and law asserted; and of all matters required by Section 24-4-105(2)(a), C.R.S., in the manner required by that section.

2. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and over Respondent's professional teacher license.

3. By virtue of Respondent's default, the Board is entitled to the relief requested in the Notice of Charges. See Section 24-4-105(2)(b), C.R.S.

4. The deemed allegations constitute violations of law as set out in the Notice of Charges.

INITIAL DECISION

The Respondent did not appear in this matter to present any mitigating factors. There is no information before the Administrative Law Judge indicating that some sanction other than revocation of the Respondent's professional teacher license is appropriate in this case. The Respondent's failure to appear demonstrates a lack of interest in maintaining her Colorado licensure. It is therefore the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge that Respondent's Colorado Professional Teacher License No. 296096 is revoked.

DONE AND SIGNED

October 27, 2020.

Matthew E. Norwood
MATTHEW E. NORWOOD
Administrative Law Judge