

BEFORE THE COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CDE Case No. 2019CPLS091

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

IN THE MATTER OF **LETECIA LYNN STAUCH**, COLORADO
PROFESSIONAL TEACHER LICENSE 0296096

THE COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO: LETECIA LYNN STAUCH

The Colorado State Board of Education, pursuant to §§ 24-4-104(4) and 22-60.5-107(4), C.R.S., and 1 CCR 301-37, Rules 10.00(4); 10.00(1)(l); and 10.02, and upon information obtained from investigations and other reports concerning the matter referenced below, hereby finds:

1. The State Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to § 22-60.5-107, C.R.S.
2. Stauch holds Colorado Professional Teacher License No. 296096 which became effective on March 28, 2019, and expires March 28, 2024. The license is accompanied by endorsements in Elementary Education, Social Studies Education (7-12), and Special Education Generalist (5-21). Stauch was previously employed by Academy 20 School District.
3. On or about January 27, 2020, Stauch reported to El Paso County law enforcement that her stepson was missing. During the course of their investigation, law enforcement personnel found evidence that a violent event had occurred in the child's bedroom. The evidence included blood spatter and residue. Blood evidence was also found in Stauch's Volkswagen Tiguan. Stauch told a variety of conflicting stories to law enforcement.
4. On February 28, 2020, investigators submitted a 32-page affidavit in connection with a request for an arrest warrant, detailing the forensic and

investigative evidence supporting their finding of probable cause that Stauch murdered her stepson on or about January 27th, 2020. An El Paso County District Court judge issued an arrest warrant that same day.

5. On March 2, 2020, Stauch was arrested and charged with first degree murder, felony child abuse resulting in death, evidence tampering, and tampering with a deceased human body in El Paso County District Court Case No. 2020CR1358.

6. Stauch's above-described conduct constituted unethical behavior in violation of § 22-60.5-107(4), C.R.S. and 1 CCR 301-37 Rule 10.02. Because there is probable cause to believe that Stauch caused the death of a child and lied to investigators about it, among other things, her license is subject to revocation pursuant to statute and rule.

7. Moreover, if Stauch is convicted of felony child abuse, murder, or any other crime of violence as defined in § 18-1.3-406, C.R.S., revocation of her license will be mandatory pursuant to § 22-60.5-107(2.5)(a), C.R.S.

8. The Board has the authority to issue discipline including suspending or revoking Stauch's teaching license pursuant to § 22-60.5-107, C.R.S. The Administrative Procedures Act (APA) and Board rules enable the Board to take emergency action in the form of summary suspension.

9. Pursuant to § 24-4-104(4)(a), C.R.S., the Board has objective and reasonable grounds to believe, and finds, upon a full investigation that based on the above-described conduct, Stauch is guilty of deliberate and willful violations of the legal and professional standards that apply to licensees.

10. The Board also finds that, because Stauch is charged with child abuse and because her licensing purports to authorize her to obtain employment in a school environment, the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

THEREFORE, the Board is authorized to summarily suspend the Colorado Teacher License issued to Letecia Stauch pursuant to §§ 24-4-104(4) and 22-60.5-107(4), C.R.S., and 1 CCR 301-37, Rules 10.00 and 10.02.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

A. That Colorado Professional Teacher License No. 0296096, issued to Letecia Stauch, along with any endorsements thereto, be and hereby is summarily suspended pending proceedings to determine whether that license should be further suspended or revoked;

B. That administrative proceedings be instituted and determined promptly and that a Notice of Agency Adjudicatory Proceeding be promptly prepared and sent to Letecia Stauch; and

C. That Letecia Stauch shall immediately desist and refrain from any further act for which a teaching license is required by the State of Colorado.

DONE this 13 day of May, 2020.

COLORADO STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION



Angelika Schroeder, Chair