BEFORE THE STEPHEN PRICE,

Appellant MARYLAND

STATE BOARD v.

**HOWARD COUNTY** OF EDUCATION BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Order No. OR25-08

Appellee.

## **ORDER**

Appellant, Stephen Price, appeals the decision of the Howard County Board of Education ("local board") to terminate him from his teaching position for insubordination and willful neglect of duty. Appellant claims in his appeal that the local board terminated him in violation of his rights for accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") of 1990.

On February 27, 2024, the State Board stayed this appeal pending a decision from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland because it learned that the federal District Court had asserted its jurisdiction over the matter in Price v. Board of Educ. of Howard Cnty., Civil Action No: MJM-22-541, which involved the same parties and issues related to those before the State Board.

On March 31, 2025, the District Court granted summary judgment in favor of the local board finding that Appellant failed to establish a prima facie case of failure to accommodate under the ADA. (District Court Order and Memorandum). Appellant has advised the State Board that he intends to appeal the District Court decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Therefore, in continued furtherance of judicial efficiency by allowing these matters to proceed separately, it is this 29th day of April 2025, by the Maryland State Board of Education,

ORDERED that the appeal referenced above is hereby stayed until such time that all appeals stemming from the decision of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland are complete.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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