

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Title:** Final Decision in Contested Cases:  
Joseph Woods vs. NCDPI and Amanda Linn Eldridge Howard vs. NCSBE, NCDPI

**Type of Executive Summary:**

- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

**Policy Implications:**

- Constitution \_\_\_\_\_
- General Statute #150B-36
- SBE Policy # \_\_\_\_\_
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # \_\_\_\_\_
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other

**Presenter(s):** Ms. Katie Cornetto, Staff Attorney

**Description:**

Joseph Woods filed a petition for a contested case to challenge the State Board’s denial of Petitioner’s request for non-teaching work experience. The Administrative Law Judge reversed the agency’s action.

Amanda Linn Eldridge Howard filed a petition for a contested case to challenge DPI’s denial of Petitioner’s request to waive her repayment obligation for failing to complete the NBPTS certification process. The Administrative Law Judge upheld the agency’s action.

**Resources:**

NA

**Input Process:**

The administrative hearing process allows both parties to present evidence to an impartial fact-finder.

**Stakeholders:**

SBE, DPI, LEAs, Teachers

**Timeline For Action:**

The report is presented for action on first reading this month.

**Recommendations:**

The State Board shall issue a Final Agency Decision in each of the contested cases.

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