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	THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
THE	UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
	In the Matter of
NEV	V YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
	V.
	THEODORE SMITH
Section 302	20-a Education Law Proceeding (File #5,432)
DATE:	August 10, 2007
TIME:	9:30 a.m. to 10:03 a.m.
LOCATION:	NYC Department of Education
	Office of Legal Services
	49-51 Chambers Street
	New York, New York 10004
BEFORE:	HOWARD EDELMAN, ESQ.
	Hearing Officer
	119 Andover Road
	Rockville Centre, New York 11570

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2	APPEARANCES:	2	THE HEARING OFFICER: On the
3	FOR THE COMPLAINANT:	3	record. This is an additional conference call
4	SUSAN JALOWSKI, ESQ., of Counsel	4	in the matter of the New York City Department
5	MICHAEL BEST, ESQ. NYC Department of Education	5	of Education versus Theodore Smith. We have
3	Office of Legal Services	6	present on the line Ms. Jalowski representing
6	49-51 Chambers Street	7	the Department. Mr. Gerard representing Mr.
	New York, New York 10004	8	Smith, and Mr. Smith. And I'm Howard Edelman,
7	Telephone: (212) 374-6741	9	the hearing officer in this matter.
8	FOR THE RESPONDENT:	10	We had set up this call
9	WILLIAM GERARD, ESQ., of Counsel	11	really to see if there are any procedural
10	71 Woods Road Palisades, New York 10964	12	issues we need addressed prior to the scheduled
11	Fallsades, New Tolk 10904	13	closing arguments, which I believe, are set for
12		14	August 22nd. Mr. Gerard, is there anything on
13		15	your end?
14		16	MR. GERARD: Well, yes, first
15		17	of all I'm I I appreciate receiving a
16		18	copy of the record. I have that and I also
17 18		19	received a copy of the school district's
19		20	exhibits.
20		21	THE HEARING OFFICER: Good.
21		22	MR. GERARD: And I've had a
22		23	chance to, you know, review that material
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24		24	somewhat. I'm a little handicapped because the
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3	the tension that apparently erupted eventually	3	interested in that. I'm sorry. I'm not
4	near the conclusion of the hearing. It erupted	4	interested in that and I don't need to hear
5	into disputes directly between Smith and his	5	that.
6	counsel. And then his counsel did, you know,	6	MR. GERARD: Well
7	what we all apparently are aware of.	7	THE HEARING OFFICER: I would
8	MS. JALOWSKI: Mr. Edelman,	8	like you
9	no does not, for the record he does not know	9	MR. GERARD: you know,
10	what why what happened in regard, he just	10	THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr.
11	knows that Mr. Tillem recused himself. He does	11	Gerard, finish up and then I want Ms. Jalowski
12	not know the facts underlying that because I	12	to respond. Go ahead.
13	didn't, you know, I I think that in the	13	MR. GERARD: All right. Well
14	interest of justice, that it was not necessary	14	without getting into the specifics, there was
15	for him to know the the reason for the	15	sort of a horrendous, shall we call it,
16	recusal. So he does not have	16	breakdown
17	THE HEARING OFFICER: And I	17	THE HEARING OFFICER: I have
18	don't	18	to put you on hold for one second. I have my
19	MS. JALOWSKI: that he	19	son calling on the other line for me.
20	does not have	20	MR. GERARD: Okay. Sure.
21	THE HEARING OFFICER: I	21	(Off the record)
22	don't need it.	22	THE HEARING OFFICER: Hold on
23	MS. JALOWSKI: that he	23	one second. Okay. Sorry I apologize.
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MR. GERARD: No. No problem.

MR. SMITH: I think Mr.

Gerard has to point out some -- some issues

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to Mr. Gerard, Mr. Smith.

THE HEARING OFFICER: It's up

MR. GERARD: Yeah, Mr. Smith

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3	arbitrator, that this that this shouldn't	3	that happened when you weren't there. And what
4	have to go forward any longer.	4	Mr. Smith is basically talking about is that
5	MS. JALOWSKI: You know, I'm	5	me, the arbitrator and Mr. Kearney had
6	going to object to Mr. Smith stating certain	6	conversations, as you well know Mr. Edelman,
7	things that that he believed happened.	7	sometimes the arbitrator acts as a facilitator
8	THE HEARING OFFICER: Well,	8	in trying to settle the matter. And that is
9	it's an assertion he can make. Obviously, any	9	what Mr. Smith is referring to
10	assertions are subject to proof of course.	10	MR. GERARD: No, it's not.
11	MR. GERARD: Well, there, you	11	MS. JALOWSKI: that we had
12	know, I mean we didn't want to get into it.	12	conversations
13	THE HEARING OFFICER: No we	13	MR. GERARD: No it's not.
14	don't want to get into it.	14	MS. JALOWSKI: about
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16	there was collusion between not only the	16	THE HEARING OFFICER: One at
17	arbitrator, but the city attorney and Mr.	17	a time, I can't the court reporter can't take
18	Smith's prior attorney.	18	you talking at the same time.
19	MS. JALOWSKI: Mr. Gerard,	19	Mr. Gerard?
20	I I think that that saying	20	MR. GERARD: All right. No
21	MR. GERARD: Don't interrupt	21	it's not it's not a question of of of
22	me.	22	settlement talks. It's a question of Mr.
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24	collusion is is really something that I	24	conversations involving settlement. He wrote a
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Theodore Smith - 8-10-2007 and I'll make the appropriate ruling. So, what that -- just to summarize all of this, all that means is yes, we are reopening the record. Or I'm permitting Mr. Gerard to reopen the record. He may ultimately choose not to I guess, but I don't think he will from what he said. But we are reopening the record, but we are reopening the record for

limited purposes, essentially to provide me 11 12 with additional information that is testimonial 13 or documentary that is relevant to this 14 proceeding. Two other points I want to make. Next, with respect to Mr. Gerard and Mr.

15 16 Smith's conflict, if you will, with the prior 17 attorney, as I think I said last time, it's 18 obviously not before me whether Mr. Gerard 19 20 wants to bring a proceeding to compel Mr. 21 Kearney to produce certain documents or he 22 wants to bring a proceeding before the 23 grievance committee, that's obviously --

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Theodore Smith - 8-10-2007 And I have absolutely no role in that whatsoever. This does not -- and as you'll see in a moment, I'm going to give Mr. Gerard some more time to get more documents either from Mr. Kearney or elsewhere, but I'm not going to, you know, basically put this matter in abevance pending any action that Mr. Gerard may bring against Mr. Kearney. Because as well all know that could take months and years and I'm not going to delay the proceedings.

Finally, with respect to scheduling we have a date of August 22nd, I think we have it at nine a.m., is that correct? MS. JALOWSKI: No, I don't think we made it nine a.m. THE HEARING OFFICER: All right. Well we'll pick up, we'll pick the time, that's no problem. We have a hearing set for August 22nd.

We're going to go forward with that hearing and I'm going to give Mr. -and Mr. Gerard the opportunity at that hearing

obviously up to him.

Page 1448 Page 1449 1 Theodore Smith - 8-10-2007 Theodore Smith - 8-10-2007 1 2 to present Mr. Smith because obviously he has won't know for a day or two -- either September 3 time to speak to Mr. Smith. He may not have 20th or 24th open. Can you folks look at your time to speak to other witnesses. calendar for those days, please? 4 4 5 But we will go forward with 5 MS. JALOWSKI: I'm -- I 6 that hearing and Mr. Gerard will obviously have 6 actually am at home. I don't have my calendar 7 the ability to present Mr. Smith and Mr. Smith 7 with me. 8 can offer additional testimony, if he wishes. 8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. 9 As well as additional documents if he deems 9 Mr. Gerard, do you know? 10 them relevant. I will afford Mr. Gerard an 10 MR. GERARD: All right. Well yeah September, let me just see, 22nd I think 11 additional date and I may suggest one or two 11 before we get off the phone today, roughly is a Saturday. 12 12 thirty days thereafter, so as to permit him to THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah I 13 13 14 contact other witnesses, to see if they are 14 said 20 or 24. sir. 15 able or will or maybe subject to subpoena to MR. GERARD: Oh, okay 20 or 15 24th, yeah those dates are good. 16 offer relevant testimony. 16 As we all know getting a hold THE HEARING OFFICER: All 17 17 of school representatives, whether it's right. I'm sorry, go ahead. 18 18 teachers or administrators and the like during MR. GERARD: My only, I 19 19 the month of August is -- is very difficult and 20 20 look -- I look at the 2nd and --. it would be unfair to require Mr. Gerard to 21 THE HEARING OFFICER: The 21 present such witnesses at our August 22nd 22 22nd is a Saturday you just said. 22 23 hearing. 23 MR. GERARD: Oh. 24 Currently I have either and I 24 MS. JALOWSKI: That's August. Page 1450 Page 1451 1 Theodore Smith - 8-10-2007 1 Theodore Smith - 8-10-2007 2 MR. GERARD: I'm looking at or covered -- or covered at all, when he 3 testified in the prior proceeding. That's the August. 4 THE HEARING OFFICER: I'm limited purpose for which we're going to have 4 5 the hearing on the 22nd. sorry go ahead. 5 6 MR. GERARD: I'm looking at 6 MR. GERARD: All right, well 7 August 22nd. We initially had this actually the problem is that I'm going away on vacation 7 8 set --8 for a week or ten days on the 24th. 9 THE HEARING OFFICER: For a 9 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good. 10 10 Have a good time. I hope you have a great hearing. time. 11 MR. GERARD: -- for closing 11 12 arguments at nine a.m. 12 MR. GERARD: I know, well the 13 THE HEARING OFFICER: That's 13 problem is I'm sort of quite jammed-up as we approach there. I'm in the process of trying 14 correct sir, right. 14 15 MR. GERARD: I see it in my 15 to finish up an appeal on a murder case, which book. I -- I -- I have a little problem being has to go in before I leave. 16 16 ready to actually, you know, go all day that And I have basically courts 17 17 day with a hearing. all day long on the 20th and 21st and I -- I'm 18 18 19 THE HEARING OFFICER: I'm not trying, you know I'm staying up till three 19 20 going to make you go all day. I'm only going 20 o'clock in the morning just about every night to require you to put forward, (coughing) trying to get this out of the way before I go 21 21 22 excuse me, I'm only going to require you to put and I'm just concerned that I'm not going to 22 23 forward Mr. Smith for areas that you believe 23 have adequate time to prepare. and he believes presumably were not adequately It's about twelve days and

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    I'm shooting to submit that appeal right around
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    nine o'clock for closing arguments. But, if
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    it's a matter of, you know, going through, you
                                                         of September anyway then this does not, you
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    know, and fully preparing with Smith and
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    figuring out exactly what we want to put in and
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    not put in and then doing it. I'm -- I'm --
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    I'm a little bit I prefer to do all of that in
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    September. It's a lot -- it's a lot easier.
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                MS. JALOWSKI: This case has
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    already been delayed, so badly. You are Mr.
                                                                    THE HEARING OFFICER: Then
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    Smith's fourth attorney. This case was
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                                                         let me just finish. Then -- then there really
    supposed to like start almost a year ago. The
                                                         is no delay on the assumption that we finish on
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    hearing was supposed to start and it didn't
                                                         the 20th or the 24th, whatever it is. Ms.
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    start until like January.
                                                         Jalowski, what did you want to say?
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                MR. GERARD: I -- I -- I
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                                                                    MS. JALOWSKI: That's fine.
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    understand, you know --.
                                                         I was going to say, if -- if Mr. Gerard wants
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                                                         to take both days you offered, the 20th and the
               MS. JALOWSKI: And this is
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    like now getting, it's -- it's -- it's --.
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                                                         24th, and the 20th and then the 20th can be for
                THE HEARING OFFICER: All
                                                         Mr. Smith's testimony and other witnesses. And
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    if you don't get all the other witnesses on the
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    20th, then we would have the 24th, then I'm
                                                                    THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms.
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    okay if we take both days.
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                                                         Jalowski you there?
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               THE HEARING OFFICER: All
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                                                                    MR. GERARD: Oops, she may
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    right. Let me just say this. I just have to
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                                                         have dropped.
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    double check with my secretary and get back to
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                                                                    THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah,
    you. Please hold the 20th and the 24th open.
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    I will get back to you sometime today or at the
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    latest on Monday. I will grant Mr. Gerard
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    the --.
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               MR. GERARD: I'm here.
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               THE HEARING OFFICER: I don't
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                                                         Mr. Gerard's request for an adjournment of
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    know what that was.
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                                                         August 22nd.
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               MR. GERARD: I don't know.
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                                                                    MS. JALOWSKI: Hi. I was out
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               THE HEARING OFFICER: I'll
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                                                         for a little --.
    grant Mr. Gerard's request for, hello? Court
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                                                                    THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah.
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                                                         You're back okay fine. Let me repeat that.
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    reporter are you there?
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                                                                    I'm granting Mr. Gerard's
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               THE REPORTER: Yes, I am.
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                                                         adjournment for -- Mr. Gerard's request for an
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               THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.
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                                                         adjournment of August 22nd. Keep open the 20th
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    Everybody there?
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               MR. GERARD: Uh-huh.
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                                                         and the 24th. I'll call -- I'll have my
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               THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr.
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                                                         e-mail either today or Monday as to which or
    Gerard, you there?
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2 both days we're going to be using. 2 have to wa	Page 1457
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	ste time on that day with dealing
3 Mr. Gerard, this is this 3 with any m	otions of of my objections.
4 is the last shot Mr. Gerard, as you can 4	THE HEARING OFFICER: I think
	/r. Gerard and I will require just
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	you agree upon a date that you'll
7 wish to present subject to my earlier comments 7 provide that	at information, Mr. Gerard. What's
8 about the questions of relevance materiality 8 convenient	for you sir?
9 and the like. 9	MR. GERARD: All right.
10 MR. GERARD: I understand. 10 Let's say	•
11 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank 11	MS. JALOWSKI: When are you
12 you. 12 back from	vacation?
13 MS. JALOWSKI: What what I 13	MR. GERARD: Yeah, I'll be
14 would ask though, is prior to the 20th if I be 14 back the be	eginning of September, so maybe the
15 given a a list of the witnesses that they 15 14th of Sep	otember?
16 plan to call. So, that if I have any 16	MS. JALOWSKI: That's
17 objections, maybe we could, you know, have a 17 that's fine.	
18 have a a you know telephone conversation 18	MR. GERARD: Okay.
19 about what, you know, that if I have any 19	THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.
20 objections. And also the same thing as to any 20 And	
21 documents. That I also be provided with them 21	MS. JALOWSKI: Or whatever
22 prior to the 20th, so that we could maybe deal 22 that Friday	is. I think the 14th might be a
23 with any issues I would have towards the 23 weekend b	ut whatever the Friday is.
24 documents also prior to the 20th. So, we don't 24	THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.
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