

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

JEFF LANDRY, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY
AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE
OF LOUISIANA

No.2019-C-01909

VS.

SARA DUPLCHAIN, ET AL.

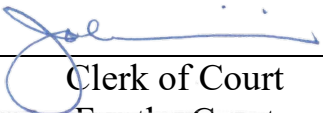
IN RE: Jerome Puyau, Superintendent for the Vermillion Parish School Board -
Applicant Intervenor; Applying For Writ Of Certiorari, Parish of Vermilion, 15th
Judicial District Court Number(s) 104,728, Court of Appeal, Third Circuit,
Number(s) CA 19-457;

April 27, 2020

Writ application granted. See per curiam.

JDH
JLW
SJC
JTG
WJC
JHB

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Clerk of Court
For the Court

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GENERAL OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA and VERMILLION
ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS, INC.**

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On Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeal, Third Circuit,
Parish of Vermillion

PER CURIAM

Writ granted. Applicant's positions are not inconsistent. Mr. Puyau prevailed in the trial court, which held that he could not be cast in judgment for violating the Open Meetings Law. However, once the trial court issued a judgment on the merits which affected his salary and employment contract, Mr. Puyau had the right under LSA-C.C.P. art. 2086 to take an appeal, whether he chose to intervene in the trial court or not. **Rourke v. Estate of Dretar**, 17-672 (La. App. 5 Cir. 5/23/18), 248 So.3d 653; see also **Stephenson v. Nations Credit Financial Services Corp.**, 1998-1688, 1998-1689 (La. App. 1 Cir. 9/24/99), 754 So.2d 1011. Appeals are favored under the law. **Edgefield v. Audubon Nature Institute, Inc.**, 2018-1782 (La. 1/18/19), 261 So.3d 776. Accordingly, this matter is remanded to the court of appeal to allow Mr. Puyau to pursue an appeal.