BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Revocation	)	
	)	**CONSENT ORDER OF**
of the Educator Certificate of	)	**PERMANENT VOLUNTARY**
	)	**SURRENDER**
Anna Marie Rogers	)	
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Certificate 248947	)	
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SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered the matter of the Permanent Voluntary Surrender of the educator certificate of Anna Marie Rogers, certificate 248947, on November 10, 2015. On April 18, 2013, the Chair of the State Board summarily suspended the educator certificate of Anna Marie Rogers, certificate 248947, as a result of her being arrested on or about April 3, 2013, in Horry County, South Carolina, and being charged with Unlawful Conduct Towards A Child, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 63-5-70 (2010). The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Ms. Rogers on April 18, 2013, by certified mail, return receipt requested. On April 23, 2013, Ms. Rogers received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing her signature. Ms. Rogers did not request a hearing within the time period specified in the notice and is in default. The SCDE spoke with Ms. Rogers and she desired to waive her right to a hearing and agreed to voluntarily surrender her South Carolina educator certificate 248947, effective November 10, 2015.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

The State Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004) and S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004).

Ms. Rogers holds a professional South Carolina educator certificate and has five years of teaching experience. Ms. Rogers was employed as a teacher at Forestbrook Elementary School in Horry County School District (District). The District placed Ms. Rogers on administrative leave on March 13, 2013, based on allegations of verbal, physical and mental abuse of a special needs student and her subsequent arrest for unlawful neglect of a child or helpless person on April 3, 2013. While on administrative leave, Ms. Rogers resigned from her employment with the District, effective September 16, 2013.

On April 18, 2013, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(c) (2004), § 59-5-10 (2004), and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA, the SCDE requested that the Chair of the State Board summarily suspend the educator certificate of Ms. Rogers, certificate 248947, as a result of her being arrested on or about April 3, 2013, in Horry County, South Carolina, and being charged with Unlawful Conduct Towards A Child, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §63-5-70 (2010). The SCDE sent notice to Ms. Rogers on April 18, 2013, by certified mail, return receipt requested. On April 23, 2013, Ms. Rogers received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing her signature. Ms. Rogers did not request a hearing within the time period specified in the notice and is in default. As part of a plea agreement with the Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office, Ms. Rogers has agreed to permanently surrender her South Carolina educator certificate 248947, effective November 10, 2015.

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Ms. Rogers agrees to the Permanent Voluntary Surrender of her South Carolina educator certificate 248947 subject to the following conditions: (1) her educator certificate will become permanently invalid and permanently revoked immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender; (2) she has waived his right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and (3) she understands that the permanent surrender of her educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Ms. Rogers' educator certificate effective November 10, 2015.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). Just cause includes "unprofessional conduct, immorality, crime against the law of this state, any conduct involving moral turpitude and evident unfitness for position for which employed." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 2 S.C. Code Regs

43-58 (Supp. 2011). The State Board finds that just cause, as defined by statute, exists to permanently revoke Ms. Rogers' educator certificate. The evidence presented supports the State Board's decision to accept the Permanent Voluntary Surrender of educator certificate 248947, issued under the name of Anna Marie Rogers, and to permanently revoke and render permanently invalid Ms. Rogers' educator certificate, effective November 10, 2015.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Anna Marie Rogers, certificate 248947, is hereby declared permanently invalid and permanently revoked. The permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation of the educator certificate of Anna Marie Rogers, certificate 248947 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: Traci Young Cooper, Ed.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
November 10, 2015

I, Anna Marie Rogers, S.C. Educator Certificate 248947, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of education certificate holders and that I have waived my right to a hearing in this matter. I understand that the terms set forth in this Consent Agreement are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily permanently surrender my educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I hereby acknowledge that this permanent surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my certificate. I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of holding myself out as and being able to practice as an educator in the public schools in the State of South Carolina. I agree that I will not serve as a volunteer or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, band teacher, coach, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education on November 10, 2015.

Anna Marie Rogers

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Date