

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of Action Against)
the Educator Certificate)
of Mark A. Moody)
Certificate 168433)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on February 10, 2016. On January 13, 2016 the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Mark A. Moody regarding the possible disciplinary action of his educator certificate by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. After receiving the notice, Mr. Moody informed the SCDE that he agreed to waive his right to a hearing and accept a public reprimand. After considering the information presented by the SCDE, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Moody holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and has over nineteen years of teaching experience. He has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board or the Greenville County School District (District). Mr. Moody began working with the District in 2006, and was assigned as a mathematics teacher at Northwood Middle School (School).

Mr. Moody suffers from diabetes. In October 2013, Mr. Moody became frustrated during class and threw an empty plastic 8 oz water bottle, which knocked off a textbook. No student was targeted and no student injured. Mr. Moody apologized following this incident.

In December 2014, Mr. Moody became frustrated with a student and reprimanded her in the hallway by speaking to her in a loud voice. When Mr. Moody returned to the classroom he dropped a glass of water next to his podium. As a result of the 2014 incident, Mr. Moody was placed on administrative leave with pay. Mr. Moody subsequently resigned his position with the District effective June 5, 2015.

On July 28, 2015, the SCDE sent notice to Mr. Moody regarding possible disciplinary action of his educator certificate by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. After receiving the notice, Mr. Moody informed the SCDE that he agreed to waive his right to a hearing and accept a public reprimand. After considering the information presented by the SCDE, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

Accepted: Mark A. Moody 168433 <i>MM</i>
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Date <i>1/28/16</i>

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Mr. Moody waives his right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review.

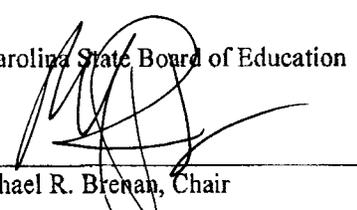
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board finds that the record outlined above, demonstrates that Mr. Moody engaged in unprofessional conduct, as a result of his poor judgment while disciplining a student and failing to maintain his composure so that just cause exists to publicly reprimand Mr. Moody.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Public Reprimand is accepted and issued to Mark A. Moody, certificate 168433.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

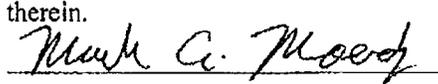
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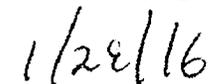
Mr. Michael R. Brennan, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

I, Mark A. Moody, S.C. Educator Certificate 168433, have read the Consent Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and I freely and voluntarily agree to the terms set forth therein.



Signature



Date