

In the Matter of the)
Disciplinary Action of the)
Educator Certificate of)
Kathleen M. Wise)
Certificate 178896)

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

Kathleen
M. Wise
178896

/s/ KW
Initial

5/13/19
Date

Kathleen M. Wise holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and has over two years of educator experience. She has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Wise served as a teacher at the Lowcountry Leadership Charter School (School), a member of the South Carolina Charter School District, prior to her termination on November 13, 2018.

Ms. Wise has agreed to waive her right to a hearing and resolve this disciplinary matter by entering into this Consent Order of Public Reprimand, subject to the following terms: (1) a Public Reprimand shall be issued by the State Board, (2) the Public Reprimand shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts

within thirty days from the date of this order, and (3) the Consent Order of Public Reprimand shall be posted on the SCDE's website and shall be maintained as a public record in the OGC. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand with the terms set forth above.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2017); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2017). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2017); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2017). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the District would not support a conclusion that just cause exists to suspend or revoke the educator certificate of Kathleen M. Wise; however, the evidence that would be presented would support a conclusion that Ms. Wise engaged in unprofessional conduct as a result of the possession and consumption of alcohol on school grounds. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the issuance of a Public Reprimand to Ms. Wise by the State Board.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the State Board hereby issues a Public Reprimand to Kathleen M. Wise, certificate 178896. The Public Reprimand shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order with the grounds listed as "unprofessional conduct." This Consent Order of Public Reprimand shall be posted on the SCDE's web site and shall be maintained as a public record in the SCDE's Office of General Counsel.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/s/ Del-Gratia Jones
Del-Gratia Jones, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
June 11, 2019

(Signature page attached.)

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I, Kathleen M. Wise, S.C. Educator Certificate 178896, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of educator 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 Order of Suspension are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I have read the Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of three pages, and I freely and voluntarily agree to the terms set forth therein. I understand that this Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education for approval on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. I understand this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the State Board and, if not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the State Board to adjudicate this matter. If approved by the State Board, I give the SCDE permission to use my electronic signature in the style of “/S/ name” for required website publication.

/s/ Kathleen M. Wise
Kathleen M. Wise

5/13/19
Date