

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Revocation)
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and Voluntary Surrender of the)
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Educator Certificate of)
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Kimberly Becker-Greer,)
)
Certificate 234069)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 13, 2011. On June 10, 2010, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Kimberly Becker-Greer a notice of her right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension or revocation of her South Carolina educator certificate 234069 by regular and certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. On June 11, 2010, Ms. Becker-Greer received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing her signature. On June 22, 2010, Ms. Becker-Greer contacted the SCDE and informed the SCDE that she desired to waive her right to a hearing and that she agreed to the voluntary surrender of her educator certificate. After reviewing the information presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. Becker-Greer's educator certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Becker-Greer holds a valid South Carolina teaching certificate and has over nine years of teaching experience. Ms. Becker-Greer was employed by the Aiken County School District (District) as a special education teacher, until she resigned on March 22, 2010. She has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board.

On December 16, 2009, Ms. Becker-Greer was arrested on three counts of Crimes Against a Federally Chartered or Insured Financial Institution and one count of Filing a False Police Report of a Felony. On or about April 30, 2010, Ms. Becker-Greer pled guilty to one count of Crimes Against a Federally Chartered Financial Institution, in

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violation of S. C. Code Ann. § 34-3-110 (A) (Supp. 2010). The court ordered that Ms. Becker-Greer serve five years probation for this crime, complete 50 hours of public service, and pay court costs and fines of \$1,717.53. The court also ordered that Ms. Becker-Greer pay restitution in the amount of \$4,600.00 to the SRP Credit Union. Ms. Becker-Greer also pled guilty to filing a false police report, in violation of S. C. Code Ann. § 16-17-722 (B)(2003) and paid court costs in the amount of \$133.90. Ms. Becker-Greer states that she only pled guilty to protect the best interest of her children.

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Ms. Becker-Greer understands that the terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. She acknowledges that the voluntary surrender of her educator certificate will be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse with the reasons stated as "unprofessional conduct, dishonesty, crimes against the law of this State, and evident unfitness for position for which employed."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The South Carolina State Board of Education may, for just cause, either 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, dishonesty, crimes against the law of this State, and evident unfitness for position for which employed. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (Supp. 2010). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE demonstrates that Ms. Becker-

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Greer committed crimes against the law of this state, engaged in unprofessional conduct and dishonesty, and also demonstrated an evident unfitness for the position for which she was employed as a result of her guilty plea to one count of Crimes Against a Federally Chartered Financial Institution, in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 34-3-110 (A) (Supp. 2010), and her guilty plea to Filing a False Police Report, in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 16-17-722 (B)(2003).

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of the educator certificate of Kimberly Becker-Greer, certificate 234069 is accepted. Ms. Becker-Greer has further agreed not to be employed or volunteer in any type of educator role or in any role where she would collect money or do any type of recordkeeping or bookkeeping, in any capacity, in any school district in the State of South Carolina. Ms. Becker-Greer may serve as a parent volunteer at her children's schools and may be present on school district property with respect to her parental duties for her children. The voluntary surrender of Ms. Becker-Greer's educator certificate 234069 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order with the reasons stated as "unprofessional conduct, dishonesty, crime against the law of this State, and evident unfitness for position for which employed."

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AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: Gerrita Postlewait
Gerrita Postlewait, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
October 13, 2011

I, Kimberly Becker-Greer, S.C. Educator Certificate 234069, 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 hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily surrender my educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. 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 in any type of educator role or in any role where I would collect money or do any type of recordkeeping or bookkeeping or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, coach, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I will only serve as a parent volunteer at my children's schools and will only be present on school district property with respect to my parental duties for my children. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of four pages, and understand that this Order will be presented for approval to the South Carolina State Board of Education on October 13, 2011.

Kimberly C. Becker-Greer
Kimberly Becker-Greer

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