

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension)
)
of the Educator Certificate)
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of Derrick James Robinson)
)
Certificate 242165)

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION
(Failure to meet ADEPT Requirements)**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on December 8, 2011. On November 21, 2011, the Horry County Sheriff's Department served the notice letter from the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) concerning Mr. Robinson's failure to meet the ADEPT formal evaluation requirements for the second time as evidenced by an affidavit of substituted service showing a person of age and discretion, living in the household. Pursuant to 24 S.C. Reg. 43-58 (Supp. 2010), 24 S.C. Reg. 43-205.1 (Supp. 2010), and the ADEPT System Guidelines (2006), a second unsuccessful ADEPT formal evaluation at the annual-contract level requires that Mr. Robinson's South Carolina teaching certificate be automatically suspended for a minimum of two years. After considering the information presented by the SCDE, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. Robinson's certificate for a minimum of two years, beginning December 8, 2011, and ending December 7, 2013.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Robinson holds an initial South Carolina educator certificate and has over five years of teaching experience. The Horry County School District's annual ADEPT report to the Office of Educator Evaluation indicated that Mr. Robinson was unsuccessful in meeting the requirements of his ADEPT formal evaluation for the 2010-2011 school year. This evaluation was Mr. Robinson's second unsuccessful ADEPT evaluation at the annual-contract level.

On November 9, 2011, the SCDE requested that the Horry County Sheriff Department serve Mr. Robinson with the notice of his failure to meet the requirements of his ADEPT formal evaluation for the second time via personal service. On November 21, 2011, Mr. Robinson received the notice as evidenced by an affidavit of substituted service showing a person of age and discretion, living in the household. Pursuant to 24 S.C. Reg. 43-58 (Supp. 2010), 24 S.C. Reg. 43-205.1 (Supp. 2010), and the ADEPT System Guidelines (2006), a second unsuccessful ADEPT formal evaluation at the annual-contract level requires that Mr. Robinson's South

Carolina teaching certificate be automatically suspended for a minimum of two years. After considering the information presented by the SCDE, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. Robinson's certificate for a minimum of two years, beginning December 8, 2011, and ending December 7, 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board will automatically suspend for a minimum of two years the certificate of an annual-contract teacher who for the second time fails to meet ADEPT formal evaluation criteria. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-5-60 (2004); 24 S.C. Reg. 43-58 (Supp. 2010), 24 S.C. Reg. 43-205.1 (Supp. 2010). The State Board finds that sufficient information has been presented supporting its conclusion that Mr. Robinson failed to meet ADEPT formal evaluation criteria for a second time, warranting the suspension of his certificate for a minimum period of two years, commencing on December 8, 2011, through December 7, 2013. An "ineligible for hire" indicator will be placed in Mr. Robinson's certification file with the Office of Educator Certification and will not be removed prior to December 7, 2013.

Before reentry into the profession and removal of the suspension, Mr. Robinson must complete a state-approved remediation plan based on the areas that were identified as deficiencies during the formal evaluation process. Remediation plans must be developed and implemented in accordance with the State Board's ADEPT implementation guidelines. Following the minimum two-year suspension period and the completion of the remediation plan, as verified by the Office of Educator Evaluation, Mr. Robinson's certificate suspension will be lifted and Mr. Robinson will be eligible for employment at the annual-contract level. All fees and eligibility requirements that are in effect at the time of Mr. Robinson's reapplication will apply.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: 

Gerrita Postlewait, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
December 8, 2011