

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)
Revocation of the Educator Certificate)
of Kimberly Alexander)
Certificate 145954)
_____)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered the matter of the Voluntary Surrender of educator certificate of Kimberly Alexander, number 145954, on January 8, 2014. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. Alexander's educator certificate.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Kimberly Alexander holds an educator certificate in the state of South Carolina with more than nineteen years of teaching experience.

On September 7, 2006, Ms. Alexander was arrested upon being found alone with a thirteen year old male in a vehicle parked at a dead end in a wooded area in Richland County. Ms. Alexander admitted to having kissed the young man while in the car, but denied that the kiss was of a sexual nature. In light of her arrest, Ms. Alexander's educator certificate was summarily suspended by the State Board on September 13, 2006, pending the outcome of criminal proceedings against her. Thereafter, Ms. Alexander's employment at Richland County School District One was terminated.

On January 7, 2013, Ms. Alexander entered a plea pursuant to, and under the terms allowed by Alford v. North Carolina, 400 U.S. 25 (1970), to a charge of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature (ABHAN). As a part of her sentence, Ms. Alexander was listed in the South Carolina Department of Social Services Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Ms. Alexander agrees to the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of her South Carolina educator certificate 145954, commencing on January 8, 2014, and furthermore

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

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept this Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Ms. Alexander's educator certificate commencing on January 8, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The 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); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2011). Just cause includes, "unprofessional conduct." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160(4) (2004). The State Board finds that there is substantial evidence to support its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. Alexander's educator certification. This action on certificate 145954 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this Order.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: _____

Barry Bolen, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

January 8, 2014

I, Kimberly Alexander, S.C. Educator Certificate 145954, hereby waive my right to a hearing in this matter. I have read and understood the terms set forth in this Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender. I agree that the findings of facts and conclusions of law contained in this Consent Order are true. I understand that I have the option of representation by legal counsel, but have freely and knowingly chosen not to be represented by legal counsel. I hereby freely, knowingly and of my own accord, surrender my educator certificate 145954 to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I understand that this Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender will be presented to the State Board on January 8, 2014.

Kimberly Alexander

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