

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Permanent)
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Voluntary Surrender and Revocation)
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of the Educator Certificate of)
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Jennifer Danielle Olajire-Aro,)
)
Certificate 285787)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PERMANENT
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on February 13, 2017. On or about December 18, 2017, Jennifer Danielle Olajire-Aro was arrested in Charleston County, South Carolina, for the felony charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2nd Degree, S.C. Code Ann. §16-3-755(B) (Rev. 2015). On December 20, 2017, the Chair of the State Board summarily suspended Ms. Olajire-Aro's educator certificate. On December 20, 2017, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent the summary suspension order and a notice letter to Ms. Olajire-Aro regarding the possible suspension or revocation of her South Carolina Educator Certificate. On January 12, 2018, Ms. Olajire-Aro's representative informed the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) that she desired to waive her right to a hearing and enter into a Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of her educator certificate 285787, effective February 13, 2018. Considering the evidence provided, the State Board has agreed to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender for Jennifer Danielle Olajire-Aro, effective February 13, 2018.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Olajire-Aro holds a professional South Carolina educator certificate and has over four years of teaching experience. She has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Olajire-Aro had been employed by the Charleston County School District (District) for the 2017-2018 school year. She served as a math teacher and tennis coach at Burke High School (School).

On December 18, 2017, the Charleston County Police Department charged Ms. Olajire-Aro with one felony count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2nd Degree, S.C. Code Ann. §16-3-755(B) (Rev. 2015). It is alleged Ms. Olajire-Aro had sexual intercourse with a male

student, age 17. Ms. Olajire-Aro's criminal charge is still a pending matter in the criminal court system.

Ms. Olajire-Aro has informed the SCDE that she no longer wishes to serve as a teacher in South Carolina. She agrees to the permanent surrender of her South Carolina educator certificate 285787 subject to the following conditions: (1) her educator certificate will become permanently invalid and permanently revoked immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender; (2) she has waived her right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and (3) she understands that the permanent surrender of her educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse as a permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2016); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes "unprofessional conduct." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 2 S.C. Code Regs 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that Ms. Olajire-Aro, a South Carolina educator, reported for allegations of an inappropriate relationship of a sexual nature with a male student, has committed an act of unprofessional conduct and that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of Ms. Olajire-Aro's South Carolina educator certificate.

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Ms. Olajire-Aro does not oppose and accepts the State Board's decision to approve the Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of her educator certificate 285787, issued under the name of Jennifer Danielle Olajire-Aro, and accepts the permanent revocation and the rendering of permanent invalidity of her educator certificate, effective February 13, 2018.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Jennifer Danielle Olajire-Aro, certificate 285787, is hereby declared permanently invalid and permanently revoked. The permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation of the educator certificate of Jennifer Danielle Olajire-Aro, certificate 285787, shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: Sharon Wall
Sharon Wall, Ed.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
February 13, 2018

I, Jennifer Danielle Olajire-Aro, S.C. Educator Certificate 285787, 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 understand that the terms set forth in this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily permanently surrender my educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I hereby acknowledge that this permanent surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my certificate. 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 or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, band teacher, coach, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Consent Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education on February 13, 2018.

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