

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Permanent)
)
Voluntary Surrender of the Educator)
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Certificate of Marva B. Cannon)
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Certificate 112280)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PERMANENT VOLUNTARY
SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on May 8, 2018. On January 31, 2018, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Marva B. Cannon, via regular mail and certified mail, restricted delivery, regarding possible disciplinary action to be taken against her educator certificate, 112280. Ms. Cannon received the notice and informed the 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 112280, effective May 8, 2018. After considering the evidence provided, the State Board has agreed to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Marva B. Cannon, effective May 8, 2018.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Cannon holds an expired professional South Carolina educator certificate and has over thirty-four years of educator experience. She has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Cannon was employed by the Williamsburg County School District from 1990 through 2012 as a Speech-Language Pathologist. She has not worked in a South Carolina public school since 2012 and has retired from employment in South Carolina public schools. On October 29, 2015, Ms. Cannon pled guilty to the charge of false statement by medical provider to the Department of Health and Human Services in relation to a private business she ran with a partner.

On April 27, 2017, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (LLR) issued a ruling that provided Ms. Cannon the opportunity to attend an American Speech and Therapy Association (ASHA) approved course on billing, as well as two courses on ethics.

Due to her retirement in 2012, Ms. Cannon agrees to the permanent surrender of her expired South Carolina educator certificate 188552 subject to the following

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conditions: (1) her expired educator certificate will become permanently invalid immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender; (2) she has waived her right to notice and 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 voluntary surrender of her educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse.

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 (2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (Supp. 2017). Just cause includes “unprofessional conduct.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (Supp. 2017); 2 S.C. Code Regs 43-58 (2017). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE demonstrates Ms. Cannon engaged in unprofessional conduct as a result of her providing false documentation to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The evidence presented supports the State Board’s decision to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of expired educator certificate 112280, issued under the name of Marva B. Cannon, effective May 8, 2018.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the expired educator certificate of Marva B. Cannon, certificate 112280, is hereby declared invalid. The permanent voluntary surrender of the educator certificate of Marva B. Cannon, certificate 112280, 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
May 8, 2018

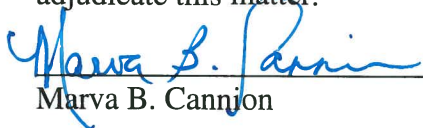
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I, Marva B. Cannon, S.C. Educator Certificate 112280, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of educator certificate holders and that I have waived my right to a hearing in this matter. I understand that the terms set forth in this Consent Agreement of Permanent Voluntary Surrender are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily surrender my expired educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I hereby acknowledge that this permanent voluntary surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my educator certificate. Due to my retirement in 2012, 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 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 May 8, 2018. 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.



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