

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Revocation)
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of the Educator Certificate of)
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Paul Kenneth Quiller Jr.,)
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Certificate 283097)
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**ORDER OF PERMANENT
REVOCATION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on May 8, 2018. On February 11, 2017, Paul Kenneth Quiller Jr., was arrested in Aiken County, South Carolina, on the felony charge of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §16-15-342 (2016). On February 14, 2017, the Chair of the State Board summarily suspended Mr. Mea's educator certificate. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent the summary suspension order and a notice letter to Mr. Quiller regarding the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina Educator Certificate by the State Board. On February 22, 2017, the notice was delivered, as evidenced by the postal receipt bearing Mr. Quiller's signature. Mr. Quiller did not request a hearing and is in default. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Mr. Quiller's educator certificate 283097, effective May 8, 2018.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Quiller holds a suspended Alternative Route-PACE South Carolina educator certificate and has less than one year of teaching experience. Mr. Quiller was employed by the Aiken County School District (District) and assigned to Midland Valley High School (School). The District placed Mr. Quiller on administrative leave on February 2, 2017, while the District investigated an allegation of Mr. Quiller's inappropriate sexual and related conduct with a minor female whom he supervised at the School. (The District had previously placed Mr. Quiller on administrative leave from January 17, 2017 to January 18, 2017, following an incident on January 12, 2017, in which Mr. Quiller admitted to using multiple profanities in the presence of students). The District did not renew Mr. Quiller's contract for the 2017-2018 school year.

On February 11, 2017, Mr. Mea was arrested in Aiken County, South Carolina, and charged with the felony count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §16-15-342 (2016). It is alleged that Mr. Quiller attempted to entice a seventeen year old female student at the School to engage in sexual activity with him.

In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(C) (2016) and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA, the SCDE requested that the Chair of the State Board summarily suspend Mr. Quiller's educator certificate as a result of his arrest. On February 14, 2017, the Chair of the State Board summarily suspended Mr. Quiller's educator certificate. On February 14, 2017, the SCDE sent the summary suspension order and a notice letter to Mr. Quiller via certified mail, restricted delivery, regarding the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate on the statutory grounds of unprofessional conduct, immorality, conduct involving moral turpitude, and evident unfitness for position for which employed. The notice informed Mr. Quiller of his right to a hearing in this matter. On February 22, 2017, Mr. Quiller received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing his signature. Mr. Quiller did not request a hearing and is in default.

The District and SCDE investigated the allegations against Mr. Quiller. The female student victim stated that she had sexual intercourse with Mr. Quiller and the details of the location. Regardless of the outcome of the criminal charge, Mr. Mea's conduct with the female student demonstrates that he has engaged in unprofessional conduct, conduct involving moral turpitude, immorality, and demonstrated evident unfitness for teaching.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Mr. Quiller's educator certificate 283097, effective May 8, 2018.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2016). Just cause includes "unprofessional conduct, conduct involving moral turpitude, immorality, and evident unfitness for position for which employed." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that Mr. Quiller engaged in unprofessional conduct, conduct involving moral turpitude, immorality, and demonstrated evident unfitness for the position for which employed,

as a result of his inappropriate relationship and sexual activity with a female student whom he supervised at the School.

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to permanently revoke educator certificate 283097 issued in the name of Paul Kenneth Quiller, Jr. The permanent revocation of Mr. Quiller's educator certificate 283097 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, EdD, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
May 8, 2018