

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Permanent)
Voluntary Surrender and Revocation)
of the Educator Certificate of)
Angel de Jesus Dieguez,)
Certificate 280595)

CONSENT ORDER OF PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

egw *October 9, 2018*
The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on September 11, 2018. On March 15, 2018, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent an initial contact letter to Mr. Dieguez regarding the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina Educator Certificate. Mr. Dieguez's attorney contacted the SCDE to request an alternate resolution of permanent voluntary surrender. After considering the evidence provided, the State Board has agreed to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender for Angel de Jesus Dieguez, certificate 280595, effective September 11, 2018.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Dieguez holds an initial South Carolina educator certificate with one year of teaching experience. Mr. Dieguez was employed by the Greenville County School District (District) for the 2017-2018 school year. He served as a Spanish teacher for Blue Ridge High School (School). Mr. Dieguez did resign from the District.

On January 20, 2018, School administration was made aware of allegations of an inappropriate relationship between a student and Mr. Dieguez. Mr. Dieguez has denied such a relationship but admitted to communication with the student that was not related to an educational purpose. He has decided to leave the teaching profession.

Mr. Dieguez has informed the SCDE he no longer wishes to serve as a teacher in South Carolina and he desires to permanently surrender his South Carolina educator certificate. He agrees to the permanent surrender of his South Carolina educator certificate 280595 subject to the following conditions: (1) his 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) he has waived his right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and (3) he understands

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that the permanent surrender of his 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 and dishonesty.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 2 S.C. Code Regs 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that Mr. Dieguez, a South Carolina educator, reported for allegations of an inappropriate relationship with a student, has committed acts of unprofessional conduct and that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of Mr. Dieguez’s South Carolina educator certificate.

Mr. Dieguez does not oppose and accepts the State Board’s decision to approve the Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of his educator certificate 280595, issued under the name of Angel de Jesus Dieguez, and accepts the permanent revocation and permanent invalidation of his educator certificate, effective September 11, 2018.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Angel de Jesus Dieguez, certificate 280595, is hereby declared permanently invalid and permanently revoked. The permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation of the educator certificate of Angel de Jesus Dieguez, certificate 280595, 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
September 11, 2018

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October 9, 2018

(Signature page attached.)

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I, Angel de Jesus Dieguez, S.C. Educator Certificate 280595, 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 ~~September 11, 2018~~ ^{October 9, 2018}. I understand this 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. ESW


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