

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Stacie D. Phillips
Certificate 219965

CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on December 14, 2021. On January 29, 2020, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Stacie D. Phillips concerning the pending action against educator certificate 219965. After Ms. Phillips received the notice, her legal counsel contacted the SCDE and advised that she desired to waive her right to a hearing and wished to pursue an alternative resolution in this matter. Ms. Phillips has agreed to this Consent Order of Suspension. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Stacie D. Phillips educator certificate 219965 for a period of one year commencing on June 8, 2021 and ending on June 7, 2022.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Phillips holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate. She has over fifteen of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Phillips was employed by Spartanburg County School District Six (District) as a teacher at Dorman High School (School).

On May 23, 2019, Ms. Phillips was placed on administrative leave by the District following her arrest for Criminal Domestic Violence, 1st Degree, two counts of Assault and Battery, 3rd Degree, and Malicious Damage to Personal Property. Ms. Phillips subsequently pled guilty to one count of Criminal Domestic Violence, 2nd Degree, and received a sentence of three years' imprisonment, suspended upon the service of three years' probation. Ms. Phillips' criminal charges stemmed from an incident where it was

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alleged she hit her husband with her car and was involved in an altercation with two women. A district investigation also revealed inappropriate social media content posted by Ms. Phillips.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (Rev. 2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Stacie D. Phillips engaged in unprofessional conduct as a result of her conviction for Criminal Domestic Violence, 2nd Degree, and for posting inappropriate messages on social media. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Stacie D. Phillips, educator certificate 219965, for a period of one year, commencing on June 8, 2021 and ending on June 7, 2022.

If Ms. Phillips wishes to have the certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, she shall make a written request to the SCDE’s Office of Educator Services. Ms. Phillips shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time he requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees. The suspension of Stacie D. Phillips, educator certificate 219965, shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

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Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Stacie D. Phillips, certificate 219965, is suspended for a period of one year, commencing on June 8, 2021 and ending on June 7, 2022.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

s/Alan Walters

Alan Walters, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
December 14, 2021

I, Stacie D. Phillips, SC Educator Certificate 219965, 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 the terms set forth in this Consent Order of Suspension are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on December 14, 2021. 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. If approved by the State Board, I give the SCDE permission to use my electronic signature in the style of "s/name" for required website publication.

s/Stacie D. Phillips

Stacie D. Phillips

November 19, 2021

Date