

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Jayson G. Reed
Certificate 283746

ORDER OF PERMANENT REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March 9, 2021. On December 4, 2020, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent a notice letter to Jayson G. Reed regarding the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate. The SCDE has received a signed receipt as evidenced by postal receipt. The SCDE subsequently sent Mr. Reed a final notice letter on January 27, 2021, notifying him of its intention to present this matter to the State Board for consideration on March 9, 2021. The SCDE has verified Mr. Reed's address. Under the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure 5(b), Mr. Reed has been given fair notice of constitutional due process. Mr. Reed has not contacted the SCDE to request a hearing and is now in default. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Jayson G. Reed's educator certificate 283746, effective March 9, 2021.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Reed holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and has over fifteen (15) years of educator experience. At the time of the incident, Mr. Reed was employed as a math teacher in Georgia.

On November 3, 2020, the SCDE Office of Educator Services forwarded notification of an out of state suspension based on allegations that Mr. Reed had been involved inappropriate physical contact with female students. The original allegations resulted in Mr. Reed's arrest in Georgia on February 7, 2017. On September 14, 2017, Mr. Reed voluntarily surrendered his Georgia teaching certificate for three years. On February 4, 2020, Mr. Reed plead guilty to one count of felony charge of Sexual Assault by Persons with Supervisory or Disciplinary Authority in the State of Georgia. As result of his guilty plea, Mr. Reed was required to register as a sex offender and is currently incarcerated in the Georgia prison system.

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, crime against the law of this State or the United States, immorality, any conduct involving moral turpitude, 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 Jayson G. Reed engaged in unprofessional conduct, immorality, any conduct involving moral turpitude, crime against the law of this State or the United States, and evident unfitness for position for which employed, due to his guilty plea in the State of Georgia of the felony charge of Sexual Assault by Persons with Supervisory or Disciplinary Authority.

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to permanently revoke educator certificate 283746, issued in the name of Jayson G. Reed, effective March 9, 2021. The permanent revocation of Jayson G. Reed’s educator certificate 283746 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: s/ Kristi Woodall
Kristi Woodall, Ed.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
March 9, 2021