

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Nathan Carns
Certificate 296030

**Carns Nathan Order of Permanent
Revocation**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on February 14, 2023. On December 1, 2022, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Nathan Carns a notice via regular and certified mail of his right to a hearing regarding the possible permanent revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate. Mr. Carns received the notice on December 8, 2022, as evidenced by a signed postal receipt. He 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 Mr. Carns' educator certificate 296030, effective February 14, 2023.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Carns holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has over fourteen years of teaching experience. The majority of his educator experience is in Maryland, and his South Carolina educator certificate was obtained through reciprocity with that state.

On October 4, 2022, the SCDE learned that Mr. Carns' Maryland educator certificate was revoked on May 17, 2022. The revocation was due to his conviction for a crime involving child abuse or neglect in Maryland. A records request showed that Mr. Carns pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of assault in the second degree. As a part of the plea conditions, Mr. Carns was required to surrender his Maryland educator certification and agreed to never reapply for the certification.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Nathan Carns' educator certificate 296030, effective February 14, 2023.

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 State, evident unfitness for position for which employed, and sale or possession of narcotics.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that Mr. Carns engaged in unprofessional conduct, immorality, any conduct involving moral turpitude, and crime against the law of this State or the United States due to the revocation of his Maryland educator certification and guilty plea to assault in the second degree.

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to permanently revoke education certificate 296030, issued in the name of Nathan Carns, effective February 14, 2023. The permanent revocation of Carns’ educator certificate 296030 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 Board of Education

s/Crystal F. Stapleton, Ed.D.
Crystal F. Stapleton, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
February 14, 2023