

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Kristen Bishop Rebollar
Certificate 283116

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 10, 2023. On February 2, 2023, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) served Kristen Bishop Rebollar with a notice of pending action against her educator certification, via regular and certified mail. After receiving the notice, Ms. Rebollar timely requested a hearing in the matter. Prior to the hearing being held, Ms. Rebollar contacted the SCDE to discuss an alternative resolution. She has agreed to waive her right to a hearing and enter into this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, effective October 13, 2023.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Kristen Bishop Rebollar's educator certificate 283116, effective October 13, 2023.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Rebollar holds a professional South Carolina educator certificate and has over six years of teaching experience. During the time of the allegations, Ms. Rebollar was employed with the Darlington County School District (District), as an English teacher at Lamar High School (School).

At the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, law enforcement was notified of allegations Ms. Rebollar was engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a former student that was in her classroom during the 2017-18 school year. The District was notified of the allegations and Ms. Rebollar resigned her employment, effective June 4, 2020. Ms. Rebollar contends that her

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resignation was for family reasons and not related to the allegations. Criminal charges were not filed. Ms. Rebollar concedes she pursued a relationship with the individual once he was enrolled in Adult Education; however, she maintains they were not involved while the individual was enrolled as a student at the School. While Ms. Rebollar denies allegations of misconduct towards a student, she wishes to resolve this matter by entering into this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Ms. Rebollar, educator certificate 283116, effective October 13, 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 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. § 56-25-160 (2020). Just cause includes “incompetence; willful neglect of duty; willful violation of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education; unprofessional conduct; drunkenness; cruelty; crime against the law of this State or the United States; immorality; any conduct involving moral turpitude; dishonesty; evident unfitness for position for which employed; or sale or possession of narcotics.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that Ms. Rebollar, a South Carolina educator reported for allegations of misconduct, has engaged in unprofessional conduct, conduct involving moral turpitude, and that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of Ms. Rebollar’s South Carolina educator certificate.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board votes to approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of educator certificate 283116, issued under the name of Kristen Bishop Rebollar, and accepts the permanent voluntary surrender and permanent invalidation of her educator certificate, effective October 13, 2023.

Now, therefore it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Kristen Bishop Rebollar, certificate 283116,

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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, Ed.D. Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
October 10, 2023

I, Kristen Bishop Rebollar, SC Educator Certificate 283116, 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 Permanent Revocation are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Permanent Revocation, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on October 10, 2023. 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 understand the term 'public school' includes any public charter school. 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/Kristen Bishop Rebollar
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