

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Julisa G. White
Certificate 258927

ORDER OF PERMANENT REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on December 3, 2024. On January 30, 2024, and August 15, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Julisa G. White a notice via regular and certified mail of her right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension or revocation of her South Carolina educator certificate. Ms. White timely requested a hearing, and such was held on December 18, 2024. This matter is properly before the State Board pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2020) and referred to a hearing officer pursuant to S.C. Code ann. § 59-5-70 (2020).

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Ms. White's educator certificate 258927, effective December 3, 2024.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. White holds an expired and suspended South Carolina educator certificate. She has over five years of educator experience. Ms. White's certification was summarily suspended by the State Board on July 10, 2018, due to her arrest on three felony counts of unlawful conduct toward a child. At the time of her arrest, Ms. White was an educator with Rock Hill Schools. She has not worked as a certified educator since the summary suspension.

During the time of the summary suspension, Ms. White was arrested a second time. This arrest included three counts of neglect of a minor. The charges from both arrests were resolved together. On October 17, 2022, Ms. White pled guilty to six felony counts of child neglect.

The Hearing Officer found substantial evidence that in 2017, Ms. White agreed to placing her children with a relative whose home had unlivable conditions. Further, in 2021,

there were illegal drugs in Ms. White's home, where the children lived. The Hearing Officer noted that while these issues stemmed from her personal life, it was reasonable to infer there was some disruption to her classes because the 2018 arrest occurred during the school year, and that the underlying facts raise significant concerns about Ms. White's judgment.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Ms. White's educator certificate 258927, effective December 3, 2024.

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). 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 the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its determination that just cause exists to permanently revoke education certificate 258927, issued in the name of Julisa G. White, effective December 3, 2024. The permanent revocation of Ms. White's educator certificate 258927 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/David C. O'Shields
David C. O'Shields, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
December 3, 2024