

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
William Oscar Carson
Certificate 192475

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 11, 2024. On April 1, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to William Oscar Carson concerning pending action against certificate 192475. Mr. Carson received the notice and contacted the SCDE to discuss an alternate resolution. He has agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his educator certification. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Mr. Carson educator certificate 192475, effective June 11, 2024.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Carson holds a suspended South Carolina educator certificate and has over seventeen years of educator experience. At the time of his arrest, Mr. Carson was employed by Richland County School District One (District) as a teacher at W.J. Keenan High School (School). He was terminated from the District on March 25, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, Mr. Carson's educator certification was summarily suspended due to his arrest for assault and battery, 2nd degree, against a student at the School. In March 2023, he pled to assault and battery, 3rd degree.

William Oscar Carson
192475
s/WOC
Initial
5/20/24
Date

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Mr. Carson's educator certificate 192475, effective June 11, 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 (2016). Just cause includes "unprofessional conduct 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). Accordingly, the evidence presented supports the State Board's determination that just cause exists to permanently revoke the educator certificate of Mr. Carson, educator certificate 192473, effective June 11, 2024.

Mr. Carson does not oppose and accepts the State Board's decision to approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of educator certificate 192475, issued under the name of William Oscar Carson, and accept the permanent revocation and permanent invalidation of his educator certificate, effect June 11, 2024.

Now, therefore it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the permanent revocation of the educator certificate of William Oscar Carson, certificate 273505, 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
June 11, 2024

(Signature page attached)

William Oscar Carson
192475
s/WOC
Initial
5/20/24
Date

I, William Oscar Carson, SC Educator Certificate 192475, 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 Voluntary Surrender are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on June 11, 2024. I hereby acknowledge that this 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 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/William Oscar Carson
William Oscar Carson

5/20/24
Date