

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Lisa I. Dixon
Certificate 204317

CONSENT ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 8, 2024. On August 1, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Lisa I. Dixon a notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Lisa I. Dixon regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate 204317. After Ms. Dixon received the notice, she contacted the SCDE to request a hearing and to discuss an alternative resolution. Ms. Dixon has agreed to waive her right to a hearing and enter this Consent Order of Public Reprimand of educator certificate 204317.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand of Ms. Dixon's educator certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Dixon holds a South Carolina educator certificate. She has over sixteen years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. At the time of the incident, Ms. Dixon was employed by the Sumter County School District (District) as a teacher at Crosswell Drive Elementary School (School).

On or around January 23, 2024, Ms. Dixon was placed on administrative leave by the District for being under the influence of alcohol and having alcohol in her possession on school grounds. Ms. Dixon admitted to having the alcohol on school grounds, but refused to submit to a breathalyzer test after being instructed to do so. Ms. Dixon resigned from her position on February 2, 2024.

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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. § 59-25-160 (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 the evidence presented demonstrates that Ms. Dixon engaged in unprofessional conduct due to being under the influence and having alcohol in her possession on school grounds. The State Board further finds that just cause exists to publicly reprimand Ms. Dixon's educator certificate.

The public reprimand of Ms. Dixon's educator certificate 204317 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days of the date of this order.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Lisa I. Dixon, certificate 204317, is publicly reprimanded.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina Board of Education

s/David C. O'Shields

David C. O'Shields, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
October 8, 2024

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I, Lisa I. Dixon, SC Educator Certificate 204317, 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 Public Reprimand are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack, or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education for approval on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

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 have the SCDE permission to use my electronic signature in the style of "s/name" for required website publication.

s/Lisa I. Dixon
Lisa I. Dixon

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