

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Dennis Jace Drury
Certificate 301467

ORDER OF PERMANENT REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 5, 2025. On April 3, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Dennis Jace Drury 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. Drury received the notice on July 1, 2025, 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 Dennis Jace Drury's educator certificate 301467, effective August 5, 2025.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Drury holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has over eighteen years of teaching experience. On February 7, 2025, the SCDE learned that on or about September 6, 2024, Mr. Drury entered a plea of nolo contendere to possession of obscene matter depicting a minor engaging in sexual conduct, in violation of California Penal Code § 311.11(a).

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Dennis Jace Drury's educator certificate 301467, effective August 5, 2025.

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 "unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State or the United States, any conduct involving moral turpitude, and evident

unfitness for position for which employed.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that Mr. Drury engaged in unprofessional conduct, immorality, conduct involving moral turpitude, and a crime against the law of this State or the United States, due to entering a plea of nolo contendere to possession of obscene matter depicting a minor engaging in sexual conduct, in violation of California Penal Code § 311.11(a).

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to permanently revoke education certificate 301467, issued in the name of Dennis Jace Drury, effective August 5, 2025. The permanent revocation of Drury’s educator certificate 301467 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/Rita Allison
Rita Allison, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
August 5, 2025