

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Catherine G. Weaver
Certificate 271414

CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on December 2, 2025. On April 23, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice via regular and certified mail to Catherine G. Weaver concerning the pending action against educator certificate 271414. After Ms. Weaver received the notice, she contacted the SCDE to discuss an alternative resolution. Ms. Weaver agreed to waive her right to a hearing and enter into this Consent Order of Suspension of educator certificate 271414 for a period of one year. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Ms. Weaver's educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on August 5, 2025, and ending on August 4, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Weaver holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate. Ms. Weaver has over nine years of educator experience. She has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Weaver was employed by the SC Public Charter School District (District) as a teacher at Green Elementary Charter School (School).

Ms. Weaver was placed on administrative leave on March 3, 2024, following allegations of credit card theft. Specifically, an employee at the School reported that her credit card went missing and fraudulent transactions in the amount of \$1,145.69 were charged onto the card. School administration confirmed Ms. Weaver was responsible for the theft. Ms. Weaver resigned her employment with the School effective March 10, 2024. Ms. Weaver was subsequently arrested on March 15, 2024, on felony charges of

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financial transaction card theft and financial transaction card fraud. Following her arrest, Ms. Weaver's educator certificate was summarily suspended by this Board on March 28, 2024.

On December 18, 2024, the State Board reinstated Ms. Weaver's educator certificate after the criminal charges were nolle prosequi on December 12, 2024. In a written statement to the School, Ms. Weaver expressed regret for her actions.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Ms. Weaver's educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on August 5, 2025 and ending on August 4, 2026.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

““The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (Rev. 2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Catherine G. Weaver engaged in unprofessional conduct by taking the credit of another staff member and making charges without consent. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Ms. Weaver's educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on August 5, 2025 and ending on August 4, 2026.

If Ms. Weaver wishes to have her certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, she shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Ms. Weaver shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time she requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees.

The suspension of Ms. Weaver's educator certificate shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

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Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Catherine G. Weaver, certificate 271414, is suspended for a period of one year, commencing on August 5, 2025 and ending on August 4, 2026.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

s/Rita Allison
Rita Allison, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
December 2, 2025

I, Catherine G. Weaver, SC Educator Certificate 271414, 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 Suspension are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of 3 pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on December 2, 2025.

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.

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