

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Aaron G. Musick
Certificate 225050

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March 18, 2025. In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(c) (2020), § 59-5-10 (2020), and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) requested that the Chair of the State Board summarily suspend the educator certificate of Aaron G. Musick, educator certificate 225050, as a result of his arrest for the felony charges of manufacture with intent to distribute narcotic drugs and possession with intent to distribute drugs near a school.

The SCDE has reason to believe that, due to the serious nature of these allegations of misconduct, Mr. Musick may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of students, who may be under his instruction and that emergency action is required. After considering the evidence presented by the SCDE, the Chair of the State Board finds that Mr. Musick's educator certificate shall be summarily suspended until a due process hearing is held and/or this matter is otherwise resolved. The SCDE is directed to serve notice on Mr. Musick of the summary suspension, as well as the possible suspension or revocation of his educator certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Musick holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has eighteen years of educator experience. At the time of his arrest, Mr. Musick was a classroom teacher at Waterway Elementary School (School) with the Horry County School District (District). He resigned from the District on March 10, 2025.

On March 7, 2025, law enforcement was called to the School. School staff informed law enforcement that Mr. Musick was in possession of a clear vial that contained a white powdery substance. Mr. Musick was arrested for the felony charges of manufacture with intent to distribute narcotic drugs and possession with intent to distribute drugs near a school.

The SCDE has reason to believe that, due to the serious nature of this allegation of misconduct, Mr. Musick may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of students who may be under his instruction, and that emergency action is required. After considering the evidence presented by the SCDE, the Chair of the State Board finds that Mr. Musick's educator certificate shall be summarily suspended until a due process hearing is held and/or this matter is otherwise resolved. The SCDE is directed to serve notice on Mr. Musick of the summary suspension, as well as the possible suspension or revocation of his educator certificate.

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 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State, and evident unfitness for position for which employed. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2021). In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(c) (2020), "If the agency finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action." Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-5-10 (2020) and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA, the Chair of the State Board finds that as a result of the allegations of Mr. Musick's unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State or the United States, and evident unfitness for the position for which employed, due to his arrest for manufacture with intent to distribute narcotics and possession with intent to distribute drugs near a school, there is reason to believe Mr. Musick may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of students and emergency action is required.

Accordingly, the educator certificate of Aaron G. Musick, certificate number 225050, is summarily suspended until a due process hearing is held and/or this matter is otherwise resolved. The SCDE is directed to serve notice on Mr. Musick of the summary suspension, as well as the possible suspension or revocation of his educator certificate.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina Board of Education

s/Rita Allison, Chair
Rita Allison, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
March 18, 2025