

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Glenn E. Robinson
Certificate 219045

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION
(BREACH OF CONTRACT)**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March 4, 2025. On October 11, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Glenn E. Robinson a notice via regular and certified mail of his or her right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of his or her South Carolina educator certificate. Mr. Robinson received the notice on October 15, 2024, as evidenced by a signed postal receipt. On October 24, 2024, he contacted the SCDE to request a hearing. The SCDE scheduled Mr. Robinson's hearing for February 21, 2025. However, Mr. Robinson withdrew his hearing request on February 3, 2025. He is now being presented to the State Board as a default matter.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. Robinson's educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on March 4, 2025, and ending on March 3, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

This case concerns a formal complaint from the Richland School District Two (District) seeking the suspension of the educator certificate of Mr. Robinson for breach of contract. The State Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2020) and S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-530 (2020).

On August 2, 2024, Mr. Robinson signed a contractual agreement with the District to serve as a teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. On September 6, 2024, Mr. Robinson submitted his resignation to the District, effective immediately. Mr. Robinson stated he was leaving due to his health but that he did not wish to provide documentation to the

District. On September 18, 2024, the District informed Mr. Robinson that, unless they heard otherwise from him, he would be considered in breach of his contract. He did not return to fulfill his contract. The District Board voted to report Mr. Robinson's breach of contract to the SCDE on September 24, 2024. The District reported the matter to the SCDE on October 4, 2024. Mr. Robinson initially requested a hearing in this matter but subsequently withdrew the hearing request. He has stated that he is retired and does not wish to return to teaching.

After considering the evidence, the State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Mr. Robinson breached his contract with the District, and that just cause exists to suspend Mr. Robinson's certificate 219045 for a period of one year, commencing on March 4, 2025, and ending on March 3, 2026.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." Just cause includes, *inter alia*, "unprofessional conduct" and "willful violation of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (3) and (4) (2020). Pursuant to 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2) and (14) (2021), the State Board of Education has the legal authority to suspend a certificate for "failure to comply with the provision of a contract without the written consent of the local school board." With respect to breach of contract, "any teacher who fails to comply with the provisions of his contract without written consent of the school board shall be deemed guilty of unprofessional conduct." S. C. Code Ann. § 59-25-530 (2020). "Upon formal complaint of the school board, substantiated by conclusive evidence, the state board shall suspend or revoke the teacher's certificate, for a period not to exceed one calendar year." *Id.*

The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Mr. Robinson breached his contract without the consent and/or approval of the District. Accordingly, the evidence presented supports the State Board's determination that just

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cause exists to suspend the educator certificate of Glenn E. Robinson for a period of one year, commencing on March 4, 2025, and ending on March 3, 2026.

If Mr. Robinson wishes to have his educator certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, he shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services and shall meet all certification requirements in effect at the time he requests reinstatement. Mr. Robinson shall also pay the applicable reinstatement fee. The suspension of Mr. Robinson's educator certificate 219045 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order, with the reason stated as "unprofessional conduct, breach of contract, willful neglect of duty, and failure to comply with the provisions of a contract without the written consent of the local school board."

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

s/Rita Allison
Rita Allison, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
March 4, 2025