

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Robert F. Woolford
Certificate 212559

ORDER OF PERMANENT REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 4, 2025. On September 8, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Robert F. Woolford 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. Woolford received the notice on September 13, 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 Robert F. Woolford's educator certificate 212559, effective November 4, 2025.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Woolford holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has over ten years of teaching experience. On January 24, 2025, the SCDE learned that Mr. Woolford's Pennsylvania educator certificate was revoked by the Pennsylvania Professional Standards and Practices Commission due to his July 11, 2022, conviction in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania for Terroristic Threats, 18 Pa.C.S. § 2706, which the Commission asserted was a crime involving moral turpitude.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Robert F. Woolford's educator certificate 212559, effective November 4, 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 State, evident unfitness for position for which employed, and sale or possession of narcotics.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that Mr. Woolford engaged in unprofessional conduct, immorality, any conduct involving moral turpitude, and crime against the law of this State or the United States due to conviction in Pennsylvania on July 11, 2022, of Terroristic Threats, 18 Pa.C.S. § 2706.

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to permanently revoke education certificate 212559, issued in the name of Robert F. Woolford, effective November 4, 2025. The permanent revocation of Woolford’s educator certificate 212559 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
November 4, 2025