BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Action of the Educator Certificate of Travis Dale Manley Certificate 320345	**ORDER OF REVOCATION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 7, 2026. On December 16, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Travis Dale Manley a notice via regular and certified mail of his right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate. The SCDE has verified Mr. Manley's address, the certified letter was returned unclaimed, and the letter sent via regular mail has not been returned. On February 26, 2026, the SCDE informed Mr. Manley via regular mail that the State Board would meet on April 7, 2026, or as soon thereafter as is feasible, to consider action against his educator certification. Under the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure 5(b), Travis Dale Manley has been given fair notice of constitutional due process. Mr. Manley has not contacted the SCDE to request a hearing and is now in default.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to revoke Mr. Manley's educator certificate 320345, effective April 7, 2026

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Manley holds a summarily suspended South Carolina educator certificate and has over seventeen (17) years of teaching experience. On October 21, 2025, the SCDE learned that Mr. Manley was criminally charged, pled guilty and placed on felony diversion for a period of five (5) years by final judgment of the Montgomery County Circuit Court in Kentucky in October 2024, for impersonating a peace officer. Following his criminal conviction, Mr. Manley voluntarily surrendered his Kentucky educator certificate.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to revoke Mr. Manley's educator certificate 320345, effective April 7, 2026.

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 "incompetence; willful neglect of duty; willful violation of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education; unprofessional conduct; drunkenness; cruelty; crime against the law of this State or the United States; immorality; any conduct involving moral turpitude; dishonesty; evident unfitness for position for which employed; or sale or possession of narcotics." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2021).

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to revoke education certificate 320345, issued in the name of Mr. Manley, effective April 7, 2026. Mr. Manley has the right to reapply for certification after three (3) years. Mr. Manley shall, pursuant to State Board Rule BBCDB, be subject to a character and fitness review before the State Board with employment information during the period of certificate surrender; community service records; letters of support from a current or prospective school district employer, if applicable; letters of support from community leaders; and SLED and FBI background checks. Mr. Manley shall also pay all applicable fees for certification, if any. The revocation of Travis Dale Manley's educator certificate 320345 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina Board of Education

s/David M. Mathis
David M. Mathis, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
April 7, 2026