

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Dylan Stefl
Certificate 326746

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on February 4, 2026. 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 Dylan Stefl, educator certificate 326746, as a result of his arrest for criminal sexual conduct with a minor, 3rd degree, S.C. Code of Laws § 16-3-655(C).

The SCDE has reason to believe that, due to the serious nature of these allegations of misconduct, Mr. Stefl 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. Stefl'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. Stefl of the summary suspension, as well as the possible suspension or revocation of his educator certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Stefl holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has less than one (1) year of educator experience. At the time of the incident, Mr. Stefl was a teacher for Polaris Tech Charter School (District).

On or about January 30, 2026, Mr. Stefl was arrested for criminal sexual conduct with a minor, 3rd degree. The SCDE has reason to believe that, due to the serious nature of this allegation of misconduct, Mr. Stefl may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of students who may be under her instruction, and that emergency action is required. After considering the evidence

presented by the SCDE, the Chair of the State Board finds that Mr. Stefl'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. Stefl 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 (2025). 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 (2025); 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. Stefl'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 criminal sexual conduct with a minor, 3rd degree, there is reason to believe Mr. Stefl may pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of students and emergency action is required.

Accordingly, the educator certificate of Dylan Stefl, certificate number 326746, 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. Stefl of the summary suspension, as well as the possible suspension or revocation of her educator certificate.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina Board of Education

Columbia, South Carolina
February 4, 2026

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