

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Erin Lee Foley
Certificate 283300

ORDER OF PERMANENT REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 2, 2026. On January 13, 2026, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Erin Lee Foley a notice via regular and certified mail of her right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension or revocation of her South Carolina educator certificate. Ms. Foley received the notice on May 4, 2026, as evidenced by a signed postal receipt. Ms. Foley 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 Erin Lee Foley's educator certificate 283300, effective June 2, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Foley holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has over ten years of teaching experience. On June 30, 2023, the SCDE learned that Ms. Foley was arrested in Edwardsville, Indiana on two counts of criminal sexual abuse, a class 1 felony. On November 5, 2025, the SCDE received a National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) notice that Ms. Foley's Illinois educator certificate had been revoked following her subsequent conviction for aggravated sexual abuse in Madison County, Illinois.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Erin Lee Foley's educator certificate 283300, effective May 5, 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 “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 Ms. Foley engaged in unprofessional conduct, immorality, any conduct involving moral turpitude, and crime against the law of this State or the United States due to her conviction for aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to permanently revoke education certificate 283300, issued in the name of Erin Lee Foley, effective June 2, 2026. The permanent revocation of Foley’s educator certificate 283300 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/David M. Mathis
David M. Mathis, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
June 2, 2026