BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Action of the Educator Certificate of Kaitlyn Dore Maslin Certificate 326895	**ORDER OF SUSPENSION** **(BREACH OF CONTRACT)**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on May 5, 2026. On March 5, 2026, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Kaitlyn Dore Maslin a notice via regular and certified mail of her right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate. Ms. Maslin received the notice on March 12, 2026, as evidenced by a signed postal receipt. She has not contacted the SCDE to request a hearing and is now in default.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Ms. Maslin's educator certificate for a period of six (6) months, commencing on December 19, 2025, and ending on June 18, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Maslin holds a South Carolina educator certificate. She has over three years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. At the time, Ms. Maslin was employed by the Greenville County School District as a teacher at Sevier Middle School.

On June 11, 2025, Ms. Maslin signed a contractual agreement with the District to serve as a teacher for the 2025-26 school year. On December 1, 2025, Ms. Maslin submitted her resignation to the District, effective December 19, 20255, providing no specific reason for her resignation. On December 11, 2025, the District informed Ms. Maslin she would not be released from her contract until a satisfactory replacement was found or the superintendent determined that no replacement was necessary. She did not

return to fulfill her contract. The District Board voted to report Ms. Maslin's breach of contract to the SCDE on February 10, 2026. The District reported the matter to the SCDE on February 12, 2026.

After considering the evidence, the State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Kaitlyn Dore Maslin breached her contract with the District, and that just cause exists to suspend Ms. Maslin's certificate 326895 for a period of six (6) months, commencing on December 19, 2025, and ending on June 18, 2026.

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). Just cause includes "breach of contract." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (13) (2025). 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 educator who fails to comply with the provisions of his contract without the written consent of the school board is considered to be in breach of contract." S. C. Code Ann. § 59-25-530 (2025). "Upon formal complaint of the school board, substantiated by conclusive evidence, the state board shall suspend or revoke the teacher's certificate." *Id.* The period of suspension for breach of contract, "must begin on the date such contract is breached with the district and run for a period of time deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education, not to exceed six months from the date of breach." *Id.* An educator may not be signed to an employment contract by any South Carolina public school during the term of suspension. I*d.*

The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Kaitlyn Dore Maslin breached her contract without the consent and/or approval of the District. Accordingly, the evidence presented supports the State Board's determination that just cause exists to suspend the educator certificate of Kaitlyn Dore Maslin for a period of six (6) months, commencing on December 19, 20255, and ending on June 18, 2026.

If Ms. Maslin wishes to have her educator certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, she shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services and shall meet all certification requirements in effect at the time she requests reinstatement. Ms. Maslin shall also pay the applicable reinstatement fee. The suspension of Ms. Maslin's educator certificate 326895 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 "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/David M. Mathis
David M. Mathis, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
May 5, 2026