

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Suspension )  
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of the Educator Certificate of )  
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Toccara Monique Thompson )  
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Educator certificate 241941 )  
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**CONSENT ORDER OF  
SUSPENSION**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on September 12, 2017. On June 1, 2017, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Ms. Thompson informing her that the State Board would meet to make a determination regarding the possible suspension of her educator certificate, by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon receipt of the notice, Ms. Thompson requested a hearing in this matter. Prior to the hearing, Ms. Thompson contacted the SCDE and requested an alternate resolution in this matter. Ms. Thompson has agreed to waive her right to a hearing and enter into a Consent Order of Suspension of her educator certificate 241941 for a period of one year. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to approve the Consent Order of Suspension (Consent Order) of Ms. Thompson's educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on September 12, 2017, and ending on September 11, 2018.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Ms. Thompson holds a valid professional educator certificate and has eight years of educator experience. She has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Thompson was employed by Spartanburg County School District Five (District) and assigned as a teacher at Berry Shoal Intermediate School (School) for the 2016-2017 school year.

During the school year, Ms. Thompson repeatedly failed to perform her professional duties; specifically in regards to assessment data recordkeeping, failing to timely implement required safety drill procedures, failing to timely attend required meetings without advance notice, and misrepresenting her entries of student benchmark data. Ms. Thompson also failed to follow procedures involving school funding purchases and failed to properly supervise students while on duty. Ms. Thompson disputes some of the specific allegations by the District, but does agree to the terms of the Consent Order.

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School officials recommended Ms. Thompson's contract not be renewed for the upcoming school year. Ms. Thompson subsequently resigned from the District, who reported her misconduct to the SCDE. Ms. Thompson has agreed to waive her right to a hearing and enter into this Consent Order suspending her educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on September 12, 2017, and ending on September 11, 2018.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE demonstrates that Ms. Thompson engaged in unprofessional conduct with by lying to her supervisors and failing to perform her assigned job responsibilities. The State Board finds that the information presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of the educator certificate of Toccarra Monique Thompson, and to suspend Ms. Thompson's educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on September 12, 2017, and ending on September 11, 2018.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Toccarra Monique Thompson, certificate 241941, is suspended for a period of one year commencing on September 12, 2017, and ending September 11, 2018.

If Ms. Thompson wishes to have her certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, she shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Ms. Thompson shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time she requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees. The suspension of Ms. Thompson's educator certificate 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 State Board of Education

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Ivan Randolph, Ph.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

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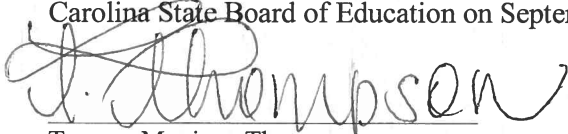
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(Signature page attached)

I, Toccar Monique Thompson, S.C. Educator Certificate 241941, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of educator certificate holders and that I have waived my right to a hearing in this matter. I understand that the terms set forth in this Consent Order of Suspension are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily agree to the suspension of my educator certificate by the South Carolina State Board for a period of one year, commencing on September 12, 2017, and ending on September 11, 2018. I agree to the terms of the proposed Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of three pages, and understand that this document will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education on September 12, 2017.

  
Toccar Monique Thompson

  
Date