

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension)
Of the Educator Certificate of)
Kelly W. Hagerman)
Educator Certificate 233711)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
SUSPENSION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

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The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on ~~September 11~~ ^{October 9}, 2018. On August 1, 2018, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Kelly W. Hagerman, concerning the pending action against her educator certificate 233711. After Ms. Hagerman received the notice, she contacted the SCDE and agreed to waive her right to a hearing and enter into a Consent Order of Suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate 233711 for a one year period. Further, Ms. Hagerman has agreed to complete two professional development courses suggested and approved by the SCDE. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Ms. Hagerman's educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on September 11, 2018, and ending on September 10, 2019.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Kelly W. Hagerman holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and has over eleven years of educator experience. Ms. Hagerman was employed by the Greenville County School District (District) as a special education teacher at Riverside High School.

In June of 2018, concerns were raised regarding the signatures of the local education agency (LEA) representative on individualized education programs (IEP) of students on Ms. Hagerman's caseload. Ms. Hagerman admitted to forging the required signatures.

Ms. Hagerman has agreed to waive her right to a hearing and to resolve this disciplinary matter by entering into an alternate resolution to the action against her educator certificate. Ms. Hagerman has agreed that her educator's certificate will be

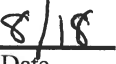
suspended for a period of one year. In addition to the suspension, Ms. Hagerman has agreed to complete two professional development courses suggested by the SCDE. These courses will focus on the importance of following the IEP process and ways to properly address job stress. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Ms. Hagerman's educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on September 11, 2018, and ending on September 10, 2019.

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 (Rev. 2016); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Ms. Hagerman engaged in unprofessional conduct by forging required signature on student IEPs. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Ms. Hagerman's educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on September 11, 2018, and ending on September 10, 2019. In addition to the suspension, Ms. Hagerman has agreed to complete two professional development courses suggested by the SCDE. These courses will focus on the importance of following the IEP process and ways to properly address job stress.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that educator certificate 233711, issued to Kelly W. Hagerman, is suspended for a period of one year commencing on September 11, 2018, and ending on September 10, 2019.

If Ms. Hagerman 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. Before her certificate is reinstated, Ms. Hagerman will submit documentation showing she completed the two courses suggested and approved by the SCDE. Ms. Hagerman 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. Hagerman's educator certificate shall be reported to the

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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: Sharon Wall

Sharon Wall, Ed.D., Chair

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Columbia, South Carolina
~~September 11, 2018~~
October 9

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I, Kelly W. Hagerman, SC Educator Certificate 233711, 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 the terms set forth in this Consent Order of Suspension are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on ~~September 11, 2018~~ ^{October 9}. I understand this Order will not become effective until approved by the State Board and, if not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the State Board to adjudicate this matter.

Kelly W. Hagerman
Kelly W. Hagerman

8/23/18
Date