

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the	)	
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Educator Certificate of	)	CONSENT ORDER OF
	)	SUSPENSION
Tammie C. Jenkins	)	
	)	
<u>Educator Certificate 221968</u>	)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

ESHW October 9, 2018
The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on ~~September 11, 2018~~. On August 1, 2018, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Tammie C. Jenkins, concerning the pending action against her educator certificate 221968. After Ms. Jenkins received the notice, she contacted the SCDE to request a hearing. Prior to the scheduling of a hearing in this matter, Ms. Jenkins informed the SCDE that she agreed to waive her right to a hearing and enter into this Consent Order of Suspension of her educator certificate 221968 for a period of one year. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Ms. Jenkins' educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on September 11, 2018, and ending on September 10, 2019.

Tammie
C.
Jenkins
221968

[Signature]
Initial

8/29/18
Date

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Jenkins holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate. Ms. Jenkins has over twelve years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Jenkins was employed by Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five (District) as a STEM Lab Coordinator for the 2017-2018 school year.

On April 25, 2018, Ms. Jenkins was placed on administrative leave after allegations arose that she misappropriated District funds. Ms. Jenkins resigned from her position effective May 14, 2018. She confessed to the misappropriation and has repaid the District.

Ms. Jenkins 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. Jenkins agreed that her educator's certificate will be suspended for a period of one year. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Ms. Jenkins' 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 (2017); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2017). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2017); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2017). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Ms. Jenkins engaged in unprofessional conduct as a result of her misappropriation of District funds. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Ms. Jenkins' educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on September 11, 2018, and ending on September 10, 2019.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Tammie C. Jenkins, certificate 221968, is suspended for a period of one year commencing on September 11, 2018, and ending on September 10, 2019.

If Ms. Jenkins 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. Jenkins 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. Jenkins' 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.

(Signature page attached.)

Tammie
C.
Jenkins
221968

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Date

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: Sharon Wall

Sharon Wall, Ed.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

~~September 11, 2018~~

October 9, 2018

I, Tammie C. Jenkins, SC Educator Certificate 221968, 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, 2018}. 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.

ESW

Tammie C. Jenkins

8/29/18
Date

