

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Jonathan Paul Brazzell
Certificate 259401

CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March 10, 2020. On December 17, 2019, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Jonathan Paul Brazzell concerning the pending action against educator certificate 259401. After receiving the notice letter, Mr. Brazzell contacted the SCDE and advised that he desired to waive his right to a hearing and wished to pursue an alternative resolution in this matter. Mr. Brazzell has agreed to this Consent Order of Suspension. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Mr. Brazzell's educator certificate for one year, commencing on March 10, 2020, and ending on March 9, 2021.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Brazzell holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and has over six years of educator experience. Mr. Brazzell was summarily suspended by the State Board on February 27, 2019. His certification was subsequently reinstated, pending further investigation. The current order relates to the same events. At the time of the incident, Mr. Brazzell was employed by Richland County School District One (District) as a teacher at Crayton Middle School.

Mr. Brazzell was placed on administrative leave from the District on January 24, 2019, after his arrest on several drug related charges. The District was informed Mr. Brazzell's roommate had been under investigation by local law enforcement. While investigating the roommate, a search was made of Mr. Brazzell's residence. Drugs were located in Mr. Brazzell's room. Mr. Brazzell subsequently turned himself into the police

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and cooperated with the investigation, entered a pretrial intervention program, and received treatment. After completing the pretrial intervention program requirements and treatment, the criminal charges against Mr. Brazzell were dismissed.

Mr. Brazzell has agreed to waive his right to a hearing and to resolve this disciplinary matter by entering into an alternate resolution to the action against his educator certificate. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the consent order of suspension of Mr. Brazzell's educator certificate for one year, commencing on March 10, 2020, and ending on March 9, 2021.

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 would support a conclusion that Mr. Brazzell engaged in unprofessional conduct as result of his association with illegal drugs. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Mr. Brazzell's educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on March 10, 2020, and ending on March 9, 2021.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the educator certificate of Jonathan Paul Brazzell, certificate 259401, is suspended for a period of one year, commencing on March 10, 2020, and ending on March 9, 2021.

If Mr. Brazzell wishes to have his educator certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, he shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Mr. Brazzell shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time he requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees. The Order of Suspension shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of

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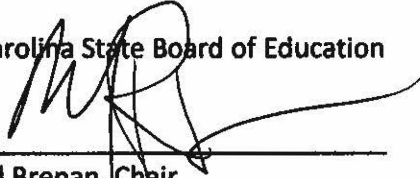

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this order with the grounds listed as "unprofessional conduct." This Consent Order of Suspension shall be posted on the SCDE's web site and shall be maintained as a public record in the SCDE's Office of General Counsel.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

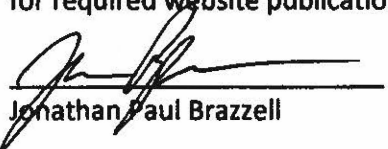
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Michael Brennan, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
March 10, 2020

I, Jonathan Paul Brazzell, S.C. Educator Certificate 259401, 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 have read the Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of three pages, and I freely and voluntarily agree to the terms set forth therein. I understand that this Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education for approval on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. I understand this Consent 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. If approved by the State Board, I give the SCDE permission to use my electronic signature in the style of "/s/ name" for required website publication.



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