

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Anthony L. Brockington
Certificate 218276

**CONSENT ORDER OF
SUSPENSION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on September 13, 2022. On December 28, 2020, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Anthony L. Brockington a notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Anthony L. Brockington regarding the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate 218276. After Mr. Brockington received the notice, he contacted the SCDE to request a hearing. Prior to the hearing, Mr. Brockington contacted the SCDE to discuss an alternate resolution. Mr. Brockington has agreed to waive his right to a hearing and enter into this Consent Order of Suspension of the administrative area of educator certificate 218276 for a period of one year. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Mr. Brockington's administrative certificate for a period of one year, commencing on September 13, 2022 and ending September 12, 2023. Mr. Brockington has also agreed to complete the NASDTEC Prevention and Correction course prior to his reinstatement.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Brockington holds an expired South Carolina educator certificate. He has over fourteen years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. At the time of the incident, Mr. Brockington was employed by the Richland School District Two (District) as an assistant principal at Dent Middle School (School).

On December 17, 2019, Mr. Brockington was placed on administrative leave following allegations he made inappropriate comments to three co-workers at School. Specifically, three coworkers made allegations that Mr. Brockington made inappropriate comments toward them. All three co-workers alleged Mr. Brockington made comments about their appearance and that they interpreted

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various behaviors and comments by Mr. Brockington to be inappropriate. In two separate statements to the District addressing the allegations, Mr. Brockington stated that his behavior was taken out of context, but he acknowledged that his comments could be perceived as inappropriate and apologized for his behavior. Mr. Brockington subsequently resigned his employment with the District in a letter dated January 24, 2020.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Anthony L. Brockington's administrative educator certificate 218276 for a period of one year, commencing on September 13, 2022, and ending on September 12, 2023. Mr. Brockington has also agreed to complete the NASDTEC Prevent and Correction course prior to the reinstatement of his certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2016); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes "incompetence; willful neglect of duty; willful violation of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education; unprofessional conduct; drunkenness; cruelty; crime against the law of this State or the United States; immorality; any conduct involving moral turpitude; dishonesty; evident unfitness for position for which employed; or sale or possession of narcotics." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2020). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Mr. Brockington engaged in unprofessional conduct by making inappropriate comments to three female coworkers. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Mr. Brockington's administrative certificate for a period of one year, commencing on September 13, 2022 and ending on September 12, 2023. The State Board further finds that just cause exists to accept the requirement that Mr. Brockington successfully complete the NASDTEC Prevention and Correction course.

If Mr. Brockington wishes to have his 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. Brockington 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. he shall provide the SCDE Office of Educator Services proof of the successful completion of the NASDTEC Prevention and

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Correction course prior to requesting reinstatement of his educator certificate. The suspension of Brockington's educator certificate 218276 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the administrative certificate of Anthony L. Brockington, certificate 218276, is suspended for a period of one year, commencing on September 13, 2022, and ending on September 12, 2023.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina Board of Education

s/Alan Walters
Alan Walters, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
September 13, 2022

I, Anthony L. Brockington, SC Educator Certificate 218276, 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 [# of pages], and understand that this Order will be presented to the State board for approval on September 13, 2022. 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. If approved by the State Board, the SCDE has permission to use my electronic signature in the style of "s/name" for required website publication.

s/ Anthony L. Brockington
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