

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Anthony Richard Heiter
Certificate 275298

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 8, 2023. On January 17, 2019, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) served Anthony Richard Heiter with a notice and Order of Summary Suspension via regular and certified mail. Mr. Heiter's educator certificate was summarily suspended on January 17, 2019. After receiving the notice, Mr. Heiter timely requested a hearing in the matter. Prior to the hearing being held, Mr. Heiter's legal counsel contacted the SCDE to discuss an alternative resolution. Mr. Heiter has agreed to waive his right to a hearing and enter into this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, effective August 8, 2023. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Anthony Richard Heiter's educator certificate 275298, effective August 8, 2023.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Heiter has over 12 years of teaching experience. Mr. Heiter holds a suspended South Carolina educator certificate. Mr. Heiter was placed on administrative leave on November 9, 2018 due to allegations of misconduct while teaching. On January 22, 2019, Mr. Heiter voluntarily resigned his position. The charge against Mr. Heiter was ultimately dismissed on February 15, 2022.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Anthony Richard Heiter, educator certificate 275298,

Anthony Richard Heiter
275298
s/AH
Initial
8/1/23
Date

effective August 8, 2023.

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 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. § 56-25-160 (2020). 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 (2021). The State Board finds that Mr. Heiter, a South Carolina educator reported for allegations of misconduct, has engaged in unprofessional conduct, conduct involving moral turpitude, and that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of Mr. Heiter’s South Carolina educator certificate.

Mr. Heiter makes no admissions of fact regarding the underlying allegations; however, he does not oppose and accepts the State Board’s decision to approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of his educator certificate 275298, issued under the name of Anthony Richard Heiter, and accepts the permanent voluntary surrender and permanent invalidation of his educator certificate, effect August 8, 2023.

Now, therefore it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Anthony Richard Heiter, certificate 275298, 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 Board of Education

s/Crystal F. Stapleton, Ed.D.

Crystal F. Stapleton, Ed.D. Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
August 8, 2023

Anthony Richard Heiter
275298
s/AH
Initial
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Date

I, Anthony Richard Heiter, SC Educator Certificate 275298, 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 Permanent Revocation are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Permanent Revocation, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on August 8, 2023. I hereby acknowledge that this permanent surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my certificate. I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title, and privilege of holding myself out as and being able to practice as an educator in the public schools in the State of South Carolina.

I agree that I will not serve or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, band teacher, coach, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I understand the term 'public school' includes any public charter school. 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, I give the SCDE permission to use my electronic signature in the style of "s/name" for required website publication.

S/Anthony R. Heiter

Anthony Richard Heiter

8/1/23

Date