

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Natasha Dalton
Certificate 296647

ORDER OF PERMANENT REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 7, 2026. On November 26, 2024, and February 26, 2026, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Natasha Dalton a notice via regular and certified mail of her right to a hearing regarding the possible permanent revocation of her South Carolina educator certificate. Ms. Dalton received the notice on March 2, 2026, as evidence by USPS Tracking. She has not contacted the SCDE to request a hearing and is now in default. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Natasha Dalton's educator certificate 296647, effective April 7, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Dalton holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has over two (2) years of teaching experience. Ms. Dalton was employed by Greenwood County School District 52 (District) as an English teacher at Ninety-Six High School (School). On April 1, 2022, the District reported Ms. Dalton to the SCDE following her termination following allegations of inappropriate communications with a student. Specifically, Ms. Dalton provided a student with her personal phone number and email address and later asked the student to have dinner with her at a local restaurant. Ms. Dalton made comments about the student's appearance and referred to the dinner as a "date." The dinner and surrounding circumstances caused the student to feel uncomfortable. Ms. Dalton continued to communicate with the student after the dinner, which made the student uncomfortable and led to the student setting boundaries for further communication.

The District investigation further determined that Ms. Dalton communicated with at least one other student outside of official District channels and used her District email for personal and

inappropriate communication with non-students. Ms. Dalton was placed on administrative leave on January 18, 2022, and subsequently terminated from the District effective March 28, 2022.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Natasha Dalton's educator certificate 296647, effective April 7, 2026.

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). Just cause includes "unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State or the United State, evident unfitness for position for which employed, and sale or possession of narcotics." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that Ms. Dalton engaged in unprofessional conduct, immorality, any conduct involving moral turpitude, and crime against the law of this State or the United States due to engaging in inappropriate communications with a student; communicating with at least one other student outside of official District channels; and used her District email for personal and inappropriate communication with non-student parties.

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to permanently revoke education certificate 296647, issued in the name of Natasha Dalton, effective April 7, 2026. The permanent revocation of Dalton's educator certificate 296647 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina Board of Education

s/David M. Mathis
David M. Mathis, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
April 7, 2026