

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Benjamin Edward Romanowski
Certificate 317241

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 4, 2026. On April 22, 2026, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Benjamin Edward Romanowski a notice via regular and certified mail of his right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate. Mr. Romanowski received the notice on May 9, 2026, as evidenced by signed postal receipt. He has not contacted the SCDE to request a hearing and is now in default.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Benjamin Edward Romanowski's educator certificate for a period of one (1) year, commencing on November 28, 2025, and ending on November 28, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Benjamin Edward Romanowski holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate. Mr. Romanowski has over four (4) years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. During the time of the alleged unprofessional conduct, Mr. Romanowski was employed as an educator in Georgia.

On March 12, 2026, Mr. Romanowski's Georgia educator certificate was suspended for one (1) year beginning November 28, 2025, by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. They determined he was under the influence of alcohol for a second time while on school premises.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Order of Suspension of Benjamin Edward Romanowski's educator certificate 317241 for a period of one (1) year, commencing on November 28, 2025, and ending on November 28, 2026.

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 (Rev. 2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Benjamin Edward Romanowski engaged in unprofessional conduct by being disciplined by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission on March 12, 2026 for being under the influence of alcohol for a second time on school premises. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Benjamin Edward Romanowski’s educator certificate 317241 for a period of one (1) year, commencing on November 28, 2025, and ending on November 28, 2026.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Benjamin Edward Romanowski educator certificate 317241, is suspended for a period of one (1) year, commencing on November 28, 2025, and ending on November 28, 2026.

If Mr. Romanowski wishes to have the 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. Romanowski 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 suspension of Benjamin Edward Romanowski’s educator certificate 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 State Board of Education

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

Columbia, South Carolina
August 4, 2026