

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Ariel Shnise Robinson
Certificate 279627

Order of Permanent Revocation

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 9, 2022. On May 13, 2022, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Ariel Shnise Robinson a notice via regular and certified mail of her right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension or revocation of her South Carolina educator certificate. Ms. Robinson received the notice on May 18, 2022, as evidenced by a signed postal receipt. 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 Ms. Robinson's educator certificate 279627, effective August 9, 2022.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Robinson holds a suspended South Carolina educator certificate and has over three years of teaching experience. On January 21, 2021, the State Board summarily suspended Ms. Robinson's educator certification due to her arrest on the charge of homicide by child abuse. Ms. Robinson had not been employed as an educator in SC since 2019.

On May 9, 2022, the SCDE learned that Ms. Robinson was convicted of homicide by child abuse in Greenville County. The victim involved was Ms. Robinson's three-year-old daughter. Ms. Robinson was sentenced to life in prison following the conviction.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Ariel Shnise Robinson's educator certificate 279627, effective August 9, 2022.

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). 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 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that Ms. Robinson engaged in unprofessional conduct, immorality, conduct involving moral turpitude, and crime against the law of this State or the United States due to her conviction for homicide by child abuse.

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to permanently revoke education certificate 279627, issued in the name of Ariel Shnise Robinson, effective August 9, 2022. The permanent revocation of Robinson’s educator certificate 279627 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/Alan Walters
Alan Walters, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
August 9, 2022