

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Tyrone Aiken, Jr.
Certificate 282776

CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 3 2025. On April 3, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice via regular and certified mail, to Tyrone Aiken, Jr. concerning the pending action against educator certificate 282776. After Mr. Aiken received the notice, he contacted the SCDE to discuss an alternative resolution. Mr. Aiken agreed to waive his right to a hearing and enter into this Consent Order of Suspension of educator certificate 282776 for a period of six month. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Mr. Aiken's educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on June 3 2025 and ending on June 2, 2026. Mr. Aiken will also complete the NASDTEC Prevention and Correction course prior to the reinstatement of his certification.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Tyrone Aiken, Jr. holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate. Mr. Aiken has over seven years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Mr. Aiken was employed by Spartanburg School District Five (District) as an assistant principal at Abner Creek Middle School (School).

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Mr. Aiken was placed on administrative leave on August 8, 2024, following allegations that he made inappropriate comments to multiple female subordinates. District administration conducted a thorough investigation and determined that the available evidence substantiated the allegations. At the conclusion of the District investigation, Mr. Aiken resigned his employment, effective August 15, 2024.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Mr. Aiken, Jr.'s educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on June 3 2025 and ending on June 2, 2026. Mr. Aiken will also complete the NASDTEC Prevention and Correction course prior to the reinstatement of his certification.

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 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Tyrone Aiken engaged in unprofessional conduct by making inappropriate comments to multiple female subordinates. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Mr. Aiken, Jr.'s educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on June 3 2025, and ending on June 2, 2026. The State Board further finds that just cause exists to accept the requirement that Mr. Aiken successfully complete the NASDTEC Prevention and Correction course.

If Mr. Aiken 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. Aiken, Jr. 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.

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The suspension of Mr. Aiken, Jr.'s educator certificate 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 educator certificate of Tyrone Aiken, Jr., certificate 282776, is suspended for a period of one year, commencing on June 3 2025, and ending on June 2, 2026.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

s/David Mathis
David Mathis, Chair-Elect

Columbia, South Carolina
June 3 2025

I, Tyrone Aiken, Jr., SC Educator Certificate 282776, 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 3 pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on June 3 2025.

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/Tyrone Aiken, Jr.
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