

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Brianna E. Carpenter
Certificate 312806

ORDER OF PERMANENT REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on January 6, 2026. On November 14, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Brianna E. Carpenter 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. Carpenter received the notice on November 20, 2025, 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 Brianna E. Carpenter's educator certificate 312806, effective January 6, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Carpenter holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has over one year of teaching experience. On July 26, 2023, the SCDE learned that Ms. Carpenter was arrested for criminal solicitation of a minor S.C. Code Ann. § 16-15-342 (2004) and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, S.C. Code Ann. § 16-17-490 (1976). The charges stemmed from allegations that Ms. Carpenter provided a male minor with THC gummies and sexual items. Additionally, law enforcement discovered online communication between the minor and Ms. Carpenter. Ms. Carpenter subsequently pled guilty to the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor charge on October 18, 2024. She received a sentence of time served, with the criminal solicitation of a minor charge dismissed as part of the guilty plea.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Brianna E. Carpenter's educator certificate 312806, effective January 6, 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. Carpenter engaged in unprofessional conduct, immorality, any conduct involving moral turpitude, and crime against the law of this State or the United States due to her arrest for criminal solicitation of a minor S.C. Code Ann. § 16-15-342 (2004) and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, S.C. Code Ann. § 16-17-490 (1976).

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to permanently revoke education certificate 312806, issued in the name of Brianna E. Carpenter, effective January 6, 2026. The permanent revocation of Carpenter's educator certificate 312806 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/David M. Mathis
David M. Mathis, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
January 6, 2026