BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Action of the Educator Certificate of Jamez E. Dudley Certificate 257704	**CONSENT ORDER OF** **PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 6, 2026. On September 11, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) received a NASDTEC report that action had been taken against Jamez E. Dudley's Georgia educator certificate due to his voluntary surrender of his Georgia educator certification due to a complaint and investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws, rules, and regulations governing the practice of educators in Georgia. The SCDE received notification that Mr. Dudley agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his educator certificate 257704. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Jamez E. Dudley's educator certificate 257704, effective October 6, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Dudley holds an expired South Carolina educator certificate and has over ten (10) years of educator experience. On September 11, 2025, the SCDE received a NASDTEC report that action had been taken against Jamez E. Dudley's Georgia educator certificate due a complaint and investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and rules and regulations governing the practice of educators in Georgia.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Jamez E. Dudley, educator certificate 257704, effective October 6, 2026.

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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); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025). Just cause includes "incompetence; willful neglect of duty; willful violation of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education; unprofessional conduct; drunkenness; cruelty; crime against the law of this State or the United States; immorality; any conduct involving moral turpitude; dishonesty; evident unfitness for position for which employed; or sale or possession of narcotics." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that Mr. Dudley, South Carolina educator, has engaged in unprofessional conduct, and that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of Mr. Dudley's South Carolina educator certificate.

Mr. Dudley does not oppose and accepts the State Board's decision to approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of his educator certificate 257704, issued under the name of Jamez E. Dudley, and accept the permanent revocation and permanent invalidation of his educator certificate, effect October 6, 2026.

Now, therefore it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Jamez E. Dudley, certificate 257704, 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.

(Signature page attached)

South Carolina Board of Education

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

Columbia, South Carolina
October 6, 2026

Jamez E. Dudley
257704
s/JED
Initial
9/24/26
Date

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I, Jamez E. Dudley, SC Educator Certificate 257704, 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 Permanent Voluntary Surrender are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack, or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, consisting of three (3) pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on October 6, 2026 or as soon thereafter as practicable. I hereby acknowledge that this permanent surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my certificate. I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title, and privilege of holding myself out as and being able to practice as an educator in the public schools in the State of South Carolina.

I agree that I will not serve or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, band teacher, coach, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I understand the term 'public school' includes any public charter school. 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/Jamesz E. Dudley _____ 9/24/26
Jamez E. Dudley Date

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