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COUNTY OF HUGHES) SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT. OF EDUCATION

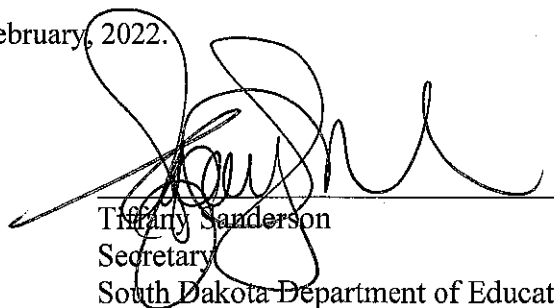
In re: Certification Application of)
ALLISON DEGROOT) DSE 2021-09
) ORDER DENYING
) EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

In accordance with and pursuant to the authority granted to the Secretary by SDCL § 13-42-4, 13-42-7, and ARSD article 24:18, and after review of the record herein, the Secretary issues the following Order:

1. The Secretary accepts the allegations of the Notice of Intent to Deny Teaching Certificate as true and enters the attached Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
2. The application of Allison DeGroot for an initial out-of-state educator certificate is DENIED.
3. Allison DeGroot is prohibited from reapplication for an educator certificate in the State of South Dakota until July 1, 2023.
4. The Order and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are a public record pursuant to SDCL § 13-42-17.1 and ARSD 24:18:04:05.
5. Notification of this denial is to be placed on the NASDTEC registry and be placed in applicant's permanent certification file within the South Dakota Department of Education.

This constitutes final agency action and may be appealed to circuit court pursuant to ARSD 24:18:02:06.

Dated this the 29th of February, 2022.



Tiffany Sanderson
Secretary
South Dakota Department of Education
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501

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) FINDINGS OF FACT AND
) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Allison DeGroot filed an initial out-of-state application for an educator certificate which was activated on April 8, 2021. After a review of the entire file, the Secretary enters the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT


1. On or about December 18, 2021, the South Dakota Department of Education Office of Educator Certification (hereinafter “Department”) served a Notice of Intent to Deny Educator Certificate and attached exhibits on Allison DeGroot (hereinafter “DeGroot”) via certified mail and email. See Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part of this document.
2. The Notice of Intent informed DeGroot that if she failed to request a hearing within 30 days after service of the notice, the allegations of the Notice would be accepted as true by the Secretary.
3. The Department received no request for hearing from DeGroot within the 30-day period.
4. DeGroot submitted two out-of-state educator certification verification forms from California and Colorado, as part of her application.
5. The Department had contacted both California and Colorado to confirm certification. Both states confirmed DeGroot has an active certificate in their respective states.
6. The out-of-state verification form from California had “California” misspelt.
7. The California Department of Education stated they did not complete the out-of-state educator certification verification form and that the form should have been completed by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

8. On or about July 21, 2021, the Department conducted a telephone interview with DeGroot. DeGroot stated she received the out-of-state educator certification verification form from California via email.
9. The Department requested DeGroot to provide the email from California.
10. No email was provided to the Department.
11. DeGroot completed the application online and electronically signed an oath of affirmation prior to submitting the application. The oath of affirmation declares that under penalty of perjury pursuant to SDCL § 22-29-9.1 that the application and accompanying documents are true, accurate, complete, and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the applicant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12. Grounds for the denial or non-renewal of an educator certificate are provided in SDCL § 13-42.
13. The Secretary of the Department of Education has the power and authority to refuse to issue or renew a certificate. SDCL §§ 13-42-7 and 13-42-9.
14. DeGroot's use of a fraudulent form and failure to cooperate with the Department constitutes moral turpitude in violation of SDCL § 13-42-9.
15. Any Conclusion of Law more properly designated as a Finding of Fact is hereby so designated.
16. DeGroot's application should be denied pursuant to SDCL § 13-42-9.
17. DeGroot should be prohibited from reapplication for an educator certificate in the State of South Dakota until July 1, 2023.

Dated this the 9th of February, 2022.



Tiffany Sanderson
Secretary, South Dakota Department of Education

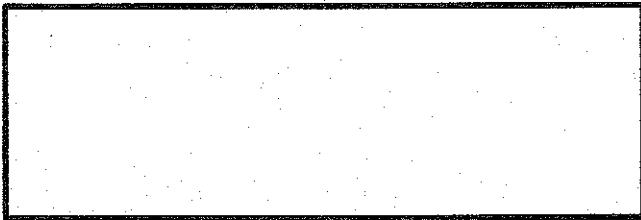
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Certified: 12/14/2021

Allison DeGroot
 2516.S. Clarkway Drive
 Sioux Falls, SD 57105

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