

**Jan 20 2026****THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals****APPEAL FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT  
The Honorable S. Phillip Lenski, Administrative Law Judge  
Docket No. 24-ALJ-30-0192-AP****Kyndra Sumter Ford,  
Educator Certificate No. 184236,  
Appellant,****v.****South Carolina Department of Education,  
Respondent.****THIRD MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE INITIAL BRIEF**

Appellant, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an additional extension of time to file the Appellant's initial brief in the above-captioned matter. In support of this Motion, Appellant shows the following:

1. Since the filing of Appellant's prior Motion for Extension of Time, undersigned counsel's workload has remained unusually heavy and has continued to increase.
2. Beginning in early January 2026, and including matters that arose during the Christmas and New Year holiday period, undersigned counsel has been required to address numerous additional motions, a two-day due process hearing, and time-sensitive filings in unrelated cases that were not reasonably anticipated at the time of the prior request.
3. These unanticipated obligations have significantly limited counsel's available time to complete the research, drafting, and review necessary to ensure a thorough and well-prepared initial brief in this appeal.
4. This request is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay, but to allow adequate time for the proper presentation of the issues before the Court.
5. Appellant therefore respectfully requests an additional extension of thirty (30) days to file the initial brief.

6. Appellant further requests that the current deadline be held in abeyance pending the Court's ruling on this Motion.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant the Motion and extend the deadline for filing the Appellant's initial brief by an additional thirty (30) days, together with such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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