
License Formal Reprimand Denial, Suspension, Revocation and Restoration

The Background:

Formal Reprimand Denial, Suspension or Revocation:

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b):

The State Board of Education may revoke, suspend, reprimand formally or refuse to issue or renew a license for the following reasons:

1. Conviction of a felony,
2. Conviction of possession of narcotics,
3. Being on school premises or at a school-related activity involving students while documented as being under the influence of, possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs,
4. Falsification or alteration of a license or documentation required for licensure,
5. Denial, suspension or revocation of a license or certificate in another jurisdiction for reasons which would justify denial, suspension or revocation under this rule, or
6. Other good cause. Other good cause shall be construed to include noncompliance with security guidelines for TCAP or successor tests pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-1-607, default on a student loan pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-5-108(d)(2) or failure to report under part (e).

For purposes of this part (b), “conviction” includes conviction on a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere or an order granting pre-trial or judicial diversion.

A person whose license has been denied, suspended or revoked may not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher or in any other position during the period of the denial, suspension or revocation.

Reinstatement:

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(c):

A person whose license has been denied, suspended or revoked under parts (a) or (b) may apply to the Board to have the license issued or restored upon application showing that the cause for denial, suspension or revocation no longer exists and that the person has complied with any terms imposed in the order of denial or revocation. In the case of a felony conviction, before an application will be considered, the person must also show that any sentence imposed, including any pre-trial diversion or probationary period has been completed. Application for such issuance or restoration

shall be made to the Office of Teacher Licensing and shall be voted on at a regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education. Nothing in this section is intended to guarantee restoration of a license.

The Recommendation:

Board action is required. Counsel to the Board recommends approval of the attached orders imposing the discipline noted below.

- A. Alford, Gregory N – Denial of restoration
- B. Blackmon, Natalie- Revocation
- C. Hobson, Chris Ann- Suspension, concurrent
- D. Hyden, Sara Nicole- Revocation, concurrent
- E. Julian, Kelly Michelle- Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency
- F. Miller, Darrin- Revocation
- G. Mumford, Clarence- Revocation
- H. Mumford, Clarence Jr.- Revocation
- I. Painter, Kelly- Suspension, concurrent
- J. Perdue, James – Denial of restoration
- K. Phy, Jared- Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency
- L. Smith, Carl- Revocation
- M. Wilkinson, Andrew- Suspension

**Gregory N. Alford
Restoration**

The Background:

Allegation: In 2004, Mr. Alford misrepresented his credentials to Grundy County Schools, which resulted in a pay increase. Mr. Alford was convicted of Theft of Property between 10,000 and 60,000 Dollars on April 3, 2006.

Status: The State Board revoked Mr. Alford's Tennessee teaching license in April 2004. Mr. Alford's criminal record has been expunged.

The Recommendation:

The Board staff review committee recommends denial of Respondent's restoration request.

**Natalie Blackmon
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Blackmon's teaching license was invalidated in Mississippi as a result of her admission to using a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on her behalf and using that score to obtain a Mississippi teaching license. Ms. Blackmon used that Mississippi teaching license to obtain a Tennessee teaching license.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license, based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Chris Ann Hobson
Suspension, concurrent

The Background:

Allegation: On April 1, 2013, Ms. Hobson was convicted of two counts of Fraudulent Insurance Claim in the Criminal Court of Fayette County, Tennessee. Ms. Hobson was sentenced to probation.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(1).

The Board staff review committee recommends suspension of Respondent's license, which will run concurrently with Respondent's probation.

**Sara Nicole Hyden
Revocation, concurrent**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Hyden's Virginia teaching license was revoked based upon a founded case of child neglect.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. The U.S. Postal Service notation that a properly addressed certified letter is "unclaimed" is sufficient evidence of the addressee's refusal to accept service and is sufficient legal notice to the addressee. By refusing delivery of the certified mail, Respondent has waived the right to a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(5).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license concurrent with the VA revocation.

Kelly Michelle Julian
Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Julian was suspended from Carter County Schools after being under the influence of alcohol at school.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. The U.S. Postal Service notation that a properly addressed certified letter is "unclaimed" is sufficient evidence of the addressee's refusal to accept service and is sufficient legal notice to the addressee. By refusing delivery of the certified mail, Respondent has waived the right to a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(3).

The Board staff review committee recommends suspension of Respondent's license for one (1) year with reinstatement contingent upon proof of rehabilitation or evaluation by a health care provider and completion of any recommended steps.

**Darrin Miller
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: On December 18, 2012, Mr. Miller was convicted of two counts of Solicitation of a Minor.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. The U.S. Postal Service notation that a properly addressed certified letter is "unclaimed" is sufficient evidence of the addressee's refusal to accept service and is sufficient legal notice to the addressee. By refusing delivery of the certified mail, Respondent has waived the right to a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(1) and (b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

**Clarence Mumford
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Mumford was convicted of three (3) counts of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, eleven (11) counts of Fraud with Identification Documents, four (4) counts of Frauds and Swindles, three (3) counts of Fraud by Wire, Radio, or Television, and two (2) counts of Misuse of Social Security Number. Mr. Mumford was the leader of the PRAXIS fraud scheme.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license, based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(1) and (b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Clarence Mumford, Jr.
Revocation

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Mumford was convicted of two (2) counts of Frauds and Swindles after paying a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on his behalf.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license, based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(1) and (b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Kelly Painter
Suspension, concurrent

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Painter's Kentucky teaching license was suspended for being under the influence of alcohol on campus.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. The U.S. Postal Service notation that a properly addressed certified letter is "unclaimed" is sufficient evidence of the addressee's refusal to accept service and is sufficient legal notice to the addressee. By refusing delivery of the certified mail, Respondent has waived the right to a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(3) and (b)(5).

The Board staff review committee recommends suspension of Respondent's license, which will run concurrently with the KY suspension.

**James M. Perdue
Restoration**

The Background:

Allegation: In March 2009, Mr. Perdue entered into an Order for Suspension of Prosecution with the Criminal Court for Sumner County, which required him to surrender his license. This was in response to allegations that Mr. Perdue inappropriately touched a minor student at T.W. Hunter Middle School.

Status: Based upon the voluntarily surrender ordered by the Criminal Court for Sumner County, the State Board revoked Mr. Perdue's license in July 2010. Mr. Perdue's Criminal Offender Record was expunged by the Criminal Court for Sumner County on November 18, 2012.

The Recommendation:

The Board staff review committee recommends denial of Respondent's restoration request.

Jared Phy
Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Phy resigned from Robertson County Schools following suspicion that he was under the influence of alcohol while serving as a chaperone on an out-of-town field trip.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received the notice and, through counsel, agreed to voluntary suspension of his Tennessee teaching license.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(3).

The Board staff review committee recommends suspension of Respondent's license for one (1) year with reinstatement contingent upon proof of rehabilitation or evaluation by a health care provider and completion of any recommended steps.

**Carl Smith
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Smith was indicated as a perpetrator of child abuse by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license, based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Andrew Wilkinson
Suspension, One (1) Year, With Contingency

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Wilkinson was suspended without pay from Hamilton county Schools after creating a fictitious Facebook account to connect with a former student, a minor, and sending inappropriate messages to that student.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend his license, based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received the notice and, through counsel, agreed to voluntary suspension of his Tennessee teaching license.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends suspension of Respondent's license for one (1) year with reinstatement contingent upon proof of successful completion of educator boundary training.