
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. Broadus, William T. - Revocation, concurrent
- B. Browder, Catherine T. - Revocation
- C. Burgess, Anthony T. - Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency
- D. Clifton, Cindy Gay - Revocation
- E. Craig, Charles - Suspension, two (2) years, with contingency
- F. David, Christie - Revocation
- G. Dunleavy, Jennifer - Suspension, nine (9)-months
- H. Fast, Jacob Daniel - Revocation, concurrent
- I. Howell, Amy L. - Revocation
- J. Hughes, Jeremy Brent - Suspension, two (2) years, with contingency
- K. Hurst, Arthur Brent - Suspension, three (3) years, with contingency
- L. Johnson, Debra Carter - Suspension, concurrent
- M. Kessler, Braden - Revocation
- N. Knox, Willie A. - Revocation
- O. Moskal, Matthew - Formal Reprimand
- P. Myers, Andrew - Revocation, concurrent
- Q. Neck, Rachelle Sarah- Revocation, concurrent
- R. Rutherford, Devin- Revocation
- S. Serina, Christopher- Revocation, concurrent
- T. Shaw, Tracy- Revocation
- U. Southerland, Dallas M.- Revocation
- V. Wilson, Ellix- Revocation
- W. Wilson, Jeffrey Duane- Revocation

**William T. Broadus
Revocation, concurrent**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Broadus voluntarily surrendered his South Carolina teaching license based upon a Second Degree Assault and Battery conviction.

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)(5).

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

**Catherine M. Browder
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: On March 27, 2013, Ms. Browder was indicated as a perpetrator of child abuse by the TN Department of Children's Services.

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.

Anthony T. Burgess
Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Burgess was terminated from Cleveland City Schools for possessing and consuming alcohol while on school premises.

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 notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license suspension 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.

**Cindy Gay Clifton
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Clifton was convicted of four (4) counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor, four (4) counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, four (4) counts of aggravated statutory rape, and three (3) counts of statutory rape by an authority figure.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license. Because of the statutory rape by an authority figure conviction, Ms. Clifton's license is subject to automatic revocation.

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 revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Charles Craig
Suspension, Two (2) Years, With Contingency

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Craig resigned from Memphis City Schools after sending inappropriate communications to students.

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, through counsel, voluntarily agreed to the suspension.

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 two (2) years with reinstatement contingent upon proof of successful completion of educator boundary training.

**Christie David
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. David was convicted of Sexual Battery by an Authority Figure in the Criminal Court of Bradley County.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license. Because of the Sexual Battery by an Authority Figure conviction, Ms. David's license is subject to automatic revocation.

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 revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Jennifer Dunleavy
Suspension, nine (9) months

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Dunleavy resigned from Memphis City Schools amid allegations that she engaged in inappropriate conduct with a student.

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, through counsel, voluntarily agreed to the suspension.

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 nine (9) months.

Jacob Daniel Fast
Revocation, concurrent

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Fast's Georgia teaching license was revoked for having an inappropriate relationship with a student.

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)(5).

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

**Amy L. Howell
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Howell was convicted of Statutory Rape by an Authority Figure in the Criminal Court of Chester County.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license. Because of the Statutory Rape by an Authority Figure conviction, Ms. Howell's license is subject to automatic revocation.

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 revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Jeremy Brent Hughes
Suspension, Two (2) Years, With Contingency

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Hughes resigned from Knox County Schools after sending inappropriate communications to students.

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 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 suspension of Respondent's license for two (2) years with reinstatement contingent upon proof of successful completion of educator boundary training.

**Arthur Brent Hurst
Suspension, Three (3) Years, With Contingency**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Hurst resigned from Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools for sending sexually explicit messages to a minor.

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 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 suspension of Respondent's license for three (3) years with reinstatement contingent upon proof of successful completion of educator boundary training.

**Debra Carter Johnson
Suspension, concurrent**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Johnson surrendered her Virginia teaching license for breaching Virginia test security policies.

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)(5).

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

**Braden Kessler
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Kessler was convicted of Driving Under the Influence and Possession of Schedule IV Narcotics with Intent to Deliver.

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).

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

**Willie A. Knox
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Knox unlawfully paid a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on his behalf. He used that fraudulent score to seek a Tennessee teaching license.

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.

**Matthew Moskal
Formal Reprimand**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Moskal, an employee of Tipton County Schools, was reported for breaching TCAP test security.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to issue a formal reprimand 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, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends formally reprimanding Respondent.

**Andrew Myers
Revocation, concurrent**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Myers surrendered his Massachusetts teaching license based upon a prior criminal conviction.

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)(5).

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

**Rachelle Sarah Neck
Revocation, concurrent**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Neck's Florida teaching license was revoked for breaching Florida's test security policies.

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)(5).

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

**Devin Rutherford
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Rutherford unlawfully acted as a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on behalf of another individual.

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.

**Christopher P. Serina
Revocation, concurrent**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Serina's North Carolina teaching license was revoked for sending inappropriate text messages to a student.

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)(5).

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

Tracy Shaw
Revocation

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Shaw unlawfully paid a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on her behalf. She used that fraudulent score 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.

**Dallas Michael Southerland
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Southerland was terminated from Cocke County Schools for having an inappropriate relationship with a student.

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.

Ellix Wilson
Revocation

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Wilson unlawfully paid a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on his behalf. He used that fraudulent score to obtain a Tennessee teaching license.

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.

**Jeffrey Duane Wilson
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Wilson was convicted of two (2) counts of Aggravated Statutory Rape.

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).

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