
Licenses: Formal Reprimand, Denial, Suspension, Revocation, and Restoration

The Background:

Formal Reprimand Denial, Suspension, or Revocation:

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 0520-02-03-.09:

The State Board of Education shall automatically revoke the license of a licensed teacher or administrator without the right to a hearing upon receiving verification of the identity of the teacher or administrator together with a certified copy of a criminal record showing that the teacher or school administrator has been convicted of any felony or offense listed at T.C.A. §§ 40-35-501(i)(2), 39-17-417, a sexual offense or a violent sexual offense as defined in 40-39-202, any offense in title 39, chapter 13, 39-14-301 and 39-14-302, 39-14-401 and 39-14-404, 39-15-401 and 39-15-402, 39-17-1320, or any other offense in title 39, chapter 17, part 13 (including conviction on a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, conviction for the same or similar offense in any jurisdiction, or conviction for the solicitation of, attempt to commit, conspiracy, or acting as an accessory to such offenses).

Also, 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 (5).

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.

The Recommendations:

Board action is required. State Board staff recommends approval of the recommended actions noted below.

- A. John Angeline – Suspension, concurrent
- B. Erica Brooks – Revocation
- C. Jim Clark – Revocation
- D. Bonnie Conn – Revocation
- E. Lee Andrew Daniels – Revocation
- F. Becky Glover – Formal reprimand
- G. Emily Haney – Revocation
- H. Brandon Hanson – Revocation
- I. Erik Hutchins – Revocation
- J. Sheri Hyatt – Agreed Order, voluntary surrender
- K. Eve Jarboe – Two (2) year suspension and proof of completed treatment program
- L. Jennifer Jarrell – Two (2) year suspension and proof of completed treatment program*
- M. Kent Leatherwood – Revocation
- N. Regina McMillan – Revocation
- O. Brett Thomas Meredith – Revocation
- P. Jarrett Owens – Revocation
- Q. Tecia Payton – Two (2) year suspension (This item was removed from the agenda during the meeting)
- R. Gary K. Potter – Seventeen (17) month suspension and proof of completed treatment program
- S. This item was vacated
- T. This item was vacated
- U. Zachary Taylor – Revocation
- V. Jeremey Varnell – Revocation
- W. Amanda Weber – Two (2) year suspension and proof of completed treatment program

*Item L is subject to the Emergency Board Rule filed on September 5, 2017 and expires on March 4, 2018. Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(c) the State Board of Education may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator's license for being on school premises, at a school-related activity involving students, or on official school business, while possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs.