
License Denial, Suspension, Revocation and Restoration

The Background:

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 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. Brow, Velinda G. – Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency
- B. Envid, Jeremy – Revocation, concurrent
- C. Freeman, Derek Allen – Revocation
- D. Hopkins, Stacy Lynn – Revocation
- E. Keen, Darrell A. – Revocation
- F. Lynch, Yvette – Revocation
- G. Rollins, Patricia – Formal reprimand
- H. Shelton, Andrea – Revocation
- I. Solomon, Marvin – Formal reprimand
- J. Tolbert, Ashley E. – Revocation

Velinda G. Brown
Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Brown was suspended from Knox County Schools following 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. Respondent received notice but did not request 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.

**Jeremy Envid
Revocation, concurrent**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Envid surrendered his teaching license in Georgia for having pornography on his school computer.

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 the 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 concurrent with the GA revocation.

**Derek Allen Freeman
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Freeman's teaching license was revoked in Alabama for engaging in a sexual relationship with as 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.

**Stacy Lynn Hopkins
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Hopkins pled guilty to Aggravated Statutory Rape in the Criminal Court of Shelby County.

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)(1).

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

**Darrell A. Keen
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Keen pled guilty to Aggravated Statutory Rape in the Criminal Court of Sumner County.

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).

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

**Yvette Lynch
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Lynch retired from Memphis City Schools after it was discovered that she falsified a student's transcript.

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 the 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.

**Patricia Rollins
Formal Reprimand**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Rollins was convicted of aggravated criminal trespass and domestic assault in the Criminal Court of Franklin County.

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

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Policy 5.501.

The Board staff review committee recommends formally reprimanding the respondent.

**Andrea Shelton
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Shelton resigned from Knox County schools after pursuing an inappropriate relationship with a student using text messages.

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)(6).

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

**Marvin Solomon
Formal Reprimand**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Solomon, an employee of Greene 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. Respondent received the notice but waived his right a hearing in writing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Policy 5.501.

The Board staff review committee recommends formally reprimanding the respondent.

**Ashley E. Tolbert
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Tolbert resigned from Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools after being convicted of violating the Tennessee Drug Free School Zone law. Ms. Tolbert was found to have possessed marijuana within 1000 feet of a school zone on four separate occasions.

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)(1).

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