

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.

The Master Plan Connection:

This item supports the Board’s Master Plan principles of effective school leaders and effective teachers by denying, suspending or revoking administrator and teacher licenses for a period of time commensurate with the given misconduct. Applicants, teachers and administrators who demonstrate that they should be granted a license or have their license reinstated despite misconduct may be granted a new license at the Board’s discretion.

The Recommendation:

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

- A. Goad, Ronald Keith - suspension, one (1) year
- B. Holmes, Anne I. - revocation, concurrent
- C. Mallard, Ginny - revocation
- D. Mason, David - revocation
- E. Runyon, Daniel L. - revocation
- F. Seymour, Lindsey S. - revocation
- G. Weitnauer, Virginia - suspension, one (1) year

Ronald Keith Goad
Suspension, one (1) year

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Goad resigned from Shelby County Schools after sending inappropriate communications to female students and documents were discovered on his computer indicating a desire to have a relationship with minors.

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 but did not request a hearing.

The Master Plan Connection:

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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 one (1) year suspension of Respondent's license.

Anne I. Holmes
Revocation, concurrent

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Holmes's New Jersey Teaching license was revoked for forgery of credentials.

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 and has agreed to the attached order.

The Master Plan Connection:

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The Recommendation:

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

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation concurrent with New Jersey revocation.

**Ginny L. Mallard
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Mallard 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 his license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received the notice but did not request a hearing.

The Master Plan Connection:

This item supports the Board's Master Plan principles of effective school leaders and effective teachers by denying, suspending or revoking administrator and teacher licenses for a period of time commensurate with the given misconduct. Applicants, teachers and administrators who demonstrate that they should be granted a license or have their license reinstated despite misconduct may be granted a new license at the Board's discretion.

The Recommendation:

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

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation.

**David Mason
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Mason resigned from Meigs County Schools after engaging in inappropriate conduct 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 the notice but did not request a hearing.

The Master Plan Connection:

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The Recommendation:

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

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation.

**Daniel L. Runyon
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Runyon was decertified as a JROTC instructor after engaging in inappropriate conduct 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 the notice but did not request a hearing.

The Master Plan Connection:

This item supports the Board's Master Plan principles of effective school leaders and effective teachers by denying, suspending or revoking administrator and teacher licenses for a period of time commensurate with the given misconduct. Applicants, teachers and administrators who demonstrate that they should be granted a license or have their license reinstated despite misconduct may be granted a new license at the Board's discretion.

The Recommendation:

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

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation.

**Lindsey S. Seymour
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Seymour pled guilty to two counts of aggravated statutory rape.

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 Master Plan Connection:

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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.

**Virginia Weitnauer
Suspension, one (1) year**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Weitnauer was suspended after a confirmed breach of TCAP test security.

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 and, through counsel, has agreed to the attached order.

The Master Plan Connection:

This item supports the Board's Master Plan principles of effective school leaders and effective teachers by denying, suspending or revoking administrator and teacher licenses for a period of time commensurate with the given misconduct. Applicants, teachers and administrators who demonstrate that they should be granted a license or have their license reinstated despite misconduct may be granted a new license at the Board's discretion.

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 one (1) year suspension of Respondent's license.