
License Actions: Denial, Formal Reprimand, Suspension, or Revocation

The Background:

The State Board of Education Denial, Formal Reprimand, Suspension, and Revocation Rule 0520-02-03-.09 sets forth the various grounds for discipline of licensed and permitted Tennessee educators. All cases are reviewed and acted upon according to the rule that was in place when the misconduct occurred. If an educator consents to license action proposed by the State Board of Education's staff case review committee, State Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09 requires that the signed consent order be presented to the State Board for approval. Additionally, if the staff case review committee recommends denial of an individual's application for an educator license or permit, State Board Rule requires that the denial recommendation be presented to the State Board for approval.

Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item supports the State Board's strategic focus on Teacher and Leaders outlined in the Master Plan by upholding the ethical standards of the teaching profession and ensuring students are provided the opportunity to learn in a safe environment.

The Recommendations:

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

- A. Lori Coker – Suspension, Six (6) Months with Professional Development
- B. Kimberly Davis – Suspension, One (1) Year with Proof of Treatment
- C. Curtis Gant – Suspension, Eight (8) Years Concurrent with Probation, and Professional Development
- D. Seth Jones – Suspension, Three (3) Months
- E. Donald Matthew Patterson – Suspension, One (1) Year Seven (7) Months, Retroactive with Professional Development
- F. Rhonda Latrice Washington – Formal Reprimand