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### Teacher Licensure Discipline Settlement Approvals

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#### The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-1-302 gives the State Board of Education the power to discipline licensed personnel for misconduct in accordance with State Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09. State Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09 provides that after an educator has received notice of the Board staff's licensure discipline recommendation, such educator may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge sitting on behalf of the State Board, to be conducted under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

Board policy 1.300 delegates authority to the General Counsel or his/her designee to settle these administrative licensure actions when a hearing has been requested.<sup>1</sup> These settlement agreements take the form of informal settlements, agreed orders, or agreements reached through mediation.

This item presents settlement agreements that have been negotiated by State Board attorneys and agreed to by the educator for final approval by the Board.

#### 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 Recommendation:

State Board counsel recommends approval of settlements in the administrative licensure cases outlined in the attached document.