

**Jonathan Stovall
Denial**

The Background:

Prior History: N/A

Facts: On May 2, 2023, Mr. Stovall submitted an application for a Tennessee educator license through the out-of-state teacher pathway. Mr. Stovall reported having a pending license action in another state. Kentucky confirmed there is an action pending against Mr. Stovall's Kentucky teaching license which is not yet resolved.

Applicable Law

/Rule: 0520-02-03-.09(1)(k) defines "Other Good Cause" as conduct that calls into question the fitness of an educator to hold a license including, but not limited to, violation of any provision in the Teacher Code of Ethics as contained in T.C.A. §§ 49- 5-1001, et seq.

0520-02-03-.09(3)(i) provides that the State Board of Education may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator's license for Other good cause as defined in subparagraph (1)(k) of this rule.

0520-02-03-.09(8)(a) provides if the individual indicates an affirmative answer on the personal affirmation section of the application for a Tennessee educator license, the individual shall show why the license should be issued despite the individual's affirmative answers. Issuance of a license is considered on a case-by-case basis and the burden of proof rests with the individual applying for the license. An application for issuance of a license may be denied if an action against the individual's license has been taken or is pending in another state.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to **deny** Respondent's educator license based upon these findings. Respondent was also provided Board policy with respect to requesting permission to speak on behalf of her Tennessee educator license application. Respondent received said notice.

Board Action Consistency Considerations:

October 2021 – Board approved the denial of an application for licensure due to action pending in another state.

The Recommendation:

Board counsel recommends the Board deny Respondent's application for a Tennessee educator license based upon the facts and applicable rule noted above.