
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 licensure 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, 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 licensure actions noted below.

- A. Dea Batson – Formal Reprimand
- B. Timothy Coates – Suspension, 1 Year Concurrent with Probation with Proof of Counseling
- C. Mark Craddock – Formal Reprimand with Proof of Professional Development
- D. Amy East – Suspension, 2 Years with Proof of Treatment
- E. Elizabeth Fewell – Suspension, 6 Months Retroactive with Proof of Professional Development
- F. Dana Floyd – Formal Reprimand
- G. Joe Gray – Denial
- H. Robert McCarter – Formal Reprimand
- I. Kristen Neu – Suspension, 1-Year Retroactive with Proof of Evaluation
- J. Ashley Newell – Suspension, 2 Years with Proof of Treatment
- K. Marilyn Silcox – Formal Reprimand with Proof of Professional Development
- L. Brenda Smith – Suspension, 1-Year Retroactive and 1-Month Prospective
- M. Christopher Smith – Formal Reprimand
- N. Mark Stribling – Suspension, 1-Month Retroactive
- O. Dan Strong – Denial
- P. Davina Tompkins – Formal Reprimand with Proof of Professional Development
- Q. Stephen Tompkins – Formal Reprimand
- R. Elizabeth Umpierre – Suspension, 1 Year with Proof of Treatment
- S. David Young – Formal Reprimand with Proof of Professional Development