
Dalton McGhiey
Voluntary Surrender

The Background:

Prior History: N/A

Facts: Mr. McGhiey voluntarily surrendered his educator license in Illinois and his educator license was revoked pursuant to Illinois law on December 20, 2024.

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(1)(q) defines Revocation as, "The nullification of an educator's license for a period of at least five (5) years, after which an educator may petition the State Board for restoration under paragraph (7)(b). Revocation also includes the voluntary surrender of an educator's license for a period of at least five (5) years, after which an educator may petition the State Board for restoration under paragraph (7)(b). A shorter period of revocation may be specified as provided for in paragraph (5)(e) of this Rule, allowing an educator to apply for restoration earlier than five (5) years from the date of revocation."

0520-02-03-.09(3)(h) provides, "The State Board may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator's license or may refuse to issue a temporary permit for ... denial, formal reprimand, suspension, or revocation/surrender of a license or certificate in another jurisdiction for reasons which would justify denial, formal reprimand, suspension, or revocation under this Rule."

0520-02-03-.09(3)(i) provides, "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(3)(j) provides, "The State Board of Education may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator's license for . . . any offense contained in paragraphs (4) and/or (5) of this Rule."

0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(9)(i) provides, "An individual holding an educator's license who is found to have violated the Teacher Code of Ethics contained in T.C.A. Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 10 shall be subject to a disciplinary action within the range of a formal reprimand up to and including revocation."

T.C.A. § 49-5-1003(b)(19) states that educators shall, “Maintain a professional approach with the student at all times.”

T.C.A. § 49-5-1003(c)(2) states that educators shall, “Conduct themselves in a manner that preserves the dignity and integrity of the education profession.”

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to **revoke** Respondent’s educator license based upon these findings. Respondent received said notice and agreed to the revocation/voluntary surrender of Respondent’s license.

Board Action Consistency Considerations:

February 2025 – Board approved the voluntary permanent surrender of an educator’s license after the educator’s license was permanently revoked in another state.

November 2024 – Board approved the voluntary surrender of an educator’s license after the educator’s license was revoked in another state.

May 2022 – Board approved the voluntary permanent surrender of an educator’s license after the educator’s license was permanently revoked in another state.

The Recommendation:

Board counsel recommends the Board approve the signed Order submitted by the Respondent for the voluntary surrender of Respondent’s license, based upon the facts and applicable rules noted above.