

**Joshua Orban
Denial**

The Background:

Prior History: N/A

Facts: On May 5, 2025, the Board received Mr. Orban's application for a Tennessee educator license through the out-of-state teacher pathway. Mr. Orban failed to report a pending action against his Texas license. On July 25, 2025, Mr. Orban permanently surrendered his Texas license due to pending allegations that he solicited an inappropriate relationship with a student.

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)(d) provides, "The State Board of Education may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator's license or may refuse to issue a temporary permit for falsification or altering of a license or permit or documentation required for licensure or permit."

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(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. In the case of a felony conviction, the individual shall also show that any sentence imposed, including any pre-trial diversion or probationary period has been completed. 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."

0520-02-03-.09(8)(b) provides, "There shall be a rebuttable presumption that any individual applying for an educator license who has committed an offense that would subject him or her to revocation or suspension shall be presumed ineligible to receive a Tennessee educator license."

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 his Tennessee educator license application. Respondent received said notice.

Board Action Consistency Considerations:

February 2025 – Board approved the denial of an application for licensure due to action pending in another state.

February 2024 – Board approved the denial of an application for licensure due to action pending in another state.

November 2023 – Board approved the denial of an application for licensure due to failure to report pending action in Texas. Educator's Texas license was ultimately suspended.

May 2022 – Board approved the denial of an application for licensure due to action pending in another state.

July 2022 – Board approved the denial of an application for licensure due to the educator failing to complete the terms of her probation in another state, including professional coursework, before applying for licensure in Tennessee.

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.