

**Jeffrey Quiros**  
**Voluntary Surrender, Permanent**

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**The Background:**

*Prior History:* N/A

*Facts:* In June 2024, Mr. Quiros and the State Education Department of New York entered into an agreement for Mr. Quiros to permanently surrender his New York teaching license for conduct that violates Board rule.

*Applicable Law*

*/Rule:* 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 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(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."

0520-02-03-.09(8)(a) provides, in relevant part, "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."

T.C.A § 49-5-1003(b)(7) provides that educators shall, "Make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning or to health and safety."

T.C.A § 49-5-1003(b)(8) provides that educators shall, "Make reasonable effort to protect the emotional well-being of the student."

T.C.A § 49-5-1003(b)(11) provides that educators shall, "Not use the educator's professional relationship with the student for private advantage."

T.C.A § 49-5-1003(b)(14) provides that educators shall, "Ensure interactions with the student take place in transparent and appropriate settings."

T.C.A § 49-5-1003(b)(15) provides that educators shall, “Not engage in any sexually related behavior with the student, whether verbal, written, physical, or electronic, with or without the student's consent. Sexually related behavior includes, but is not limited to, behaviors such as making sexual jokes or sexual remarks; engaging in sexual kidding, sexual teasing, or sexual innuendo; pressuring the student for dates or sexual favors; engaging in inappropriate physical touching, groping, or grabbing; kissing; rape; threatening physical harm; and committing sexual assault.”

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

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

**Board Action Consistency Considerations:**

November 2025 – Board approved a voluntary surrender for surrendering a license in another State for conduct prohibited in Board rule.

August 2025 – Board approved a voluntary surrender for surrendering a license in another State for conduct prohibited in Board rule.

November 2024 – Board approved a permanent voluntary surrender for permanently surrendering a license in another State for conduct prohibited in Board rule.

**The Recommendation:**

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