

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
JOSEPH FRANCIS)

ORDER OF DENIAL

The Tennessee State Board of Education (“Board”) disposes of this matter as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 22, 2020, Joseph Francis (“Petitioner”) applied for a Tennessee educator license. Respondent’s Kentucky educator license was revoked for 15 years when it was discovered that he was in a romantic relationship with a student. The relationship began when the student was in the 9th grade. Respondent’s Kentucky license was reinstated in 2019 after the period of revocation concluded.
2. Petitioner was notified via certified mail receipt of the Board’s intent to deny his application for an educator license. Petitioner received the notice.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Petitioner’s misconduct is grounds for license denial pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(e) and (3)(h).

ORDER

The Board hereby denies Petitioner’s application for a Tennessee educator license effective on the date of this order. Petitioner shall not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position without a Tennessee educator license.

Approved by the Board this 6th day of November, 2020.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:

Lillian Hartgrove

Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST:

Sara Morrison

Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of November, 2020.



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After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent's last known address:

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