
License Formal Reprimand Denial, Suspension, Revocation and Restoration

The Background:

Formal Reprimand Denial, Suspension or Revocation:

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b):

The State Board of Education may revoke, suspend, reprimand formally or refuse to issue or renew a license for the following reasons:

1. Conviction of a felony,
2. Conviction of possession of narcotics,
3. Being on school premises or at a school-related activity involving students while documented as being under the influence of, possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs,
4. Falsification or alteration of a license or documentation required for licensure,
5. Denial, suspension or revocation of a license or certificate in another jurisdiction for reasons which would justify denial, suspension or revocation under this rule, or
6. Other good cause. Other good cause shall be construed to include noncompliance with security guidelines for TCAP or successor tests pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-1-607, default on a student loan pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-5-108(d)(2) or failure to report under part (e).

For purposes of this part (b), “conviction” includes conviction on a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere or an order granting pre-trial or judicial diversion.

A person whose license has been denied, suspended or revoked may not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher or in any other position during the period of the denial, suspension or revocation.

Reinstatement:

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(c):

A person whose license has been denied, suspended or revoked under parts (a) or (b) may apply to the Board to have the license issued or restored upon application showing that the cause for denial, suspension or revocation no longer exists and that the person has complied with any terms imposed in the order of denial or revocation. In the case of a felony conviction, before an application will be considered, the person must also show that any sentence imposed, including any pre-trial diversion or probationary period has been completed. Application for such issuance or restoration

shall be made to the Office of Teacher Licensing and shall be voted on at a regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education. Nothing in this section is intended to guarantee restoration of a license.

The Recommendation:

Board action is required. Counsel to the Board recommends approval of the attached orders imposing the discipline noted below.

- A. Alexander, Corey- Revocation
- B. Beasley, Haley- Revocation, concurrent
- C. Belue, Brandon Todd- Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency
- D. Davis, Diane Thelma - Revocation
- E. Davis, Tawnya- Formal Reprimand
- F. Draper, Crystal- Denial
- G. Drissom, David- Formal Reprimand
- H. Johnson, Jermaine- Revocation
- I. McKinnie, Jacklyn T.- Revocation
- J. Pierce, Erin T.- Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency
- K. Potter-Johnson, Tammy- Formal Reprimand
- L. Rose, Shelvie- Revocation
- M. Sills, Tammy Jo- Formal Reprimand
- N. Stewart, Larry E.- Revocation, concurrent
- O. Wynkoop, Daniel- Revocation

**Corey Alexander
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Alexander unlawfully paid a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on his behalf. He used that fraudulent score to seek a Tennessee teaching license.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Haley Beasley
Revocation, concurrent

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Beasley surrendered her Georgia teaching license based upon prior allegations of inappropriate conduct and communication with students, unprofessional conduct, and possession of drugs and alcohol on school property.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(5).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license concurrent with the GA revocation.

Brandon Todd Belue
Suspension, One (1) Year, With Contingency

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Belue resigned from Knox City Schools after sending inappropriate communications to a student.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend his license, based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends suspension of Respondent's license for one (1) year with reinstatement contingent upon proof of successful completion of educator boundary training.

**Diane Thelma Davis
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Davis, an employee of Wilson County Schools, was reported for breaching TCAP test security when she used an absent student's test booklet to review specific test items with her students prior to testing.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

**Tawnya Davis
Formal Reprimand**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Davis, an employee of Polk County Schools, was reported for breaching TCAP test security.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to issue a formal reprimand based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends formally reprimanding Respondent.

**Crystal Draper
Denial**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Draper's Georgia teaching license was suspended for changing answers and cheating during the 2009 Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT)

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to deny her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(5).

The Board staff review committee recommends denial of Respondent's teaching license.

**David Grissom
Formal Reprimand**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Grissom, an employee of Loudon County Schools, was reported for breaching TCAP test security.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to issue a formal reprimand based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends formally reprimanding Respondent.

**Jermaine Johnson
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Johnson unlawfully paid a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on his behalf. He used that fraudulent score to seek a Tennessee teaching license.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Jacklyn T. McKinnie
Revocation

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. McKinnie unlawfully acted as a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on behalf of other individuals.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke her license, based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

Erin T. Pierce
Suspension, One (1) Year, With Contingency

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Pierce resigned from Rutherford County Schools after having inappropriate communications with students.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend his license, based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent, through counsel, voluntarily agreed to the suspension.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends suspension of Respondent's license for one (1) year with reinstatement contingent upon proof of successful completion of educator boundary training.

**Tammy Potter-Johnson
Formal Reprimand**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Potter-Johnson, an employee of Knox County Schools, was reported for breaching TCAP test security.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to issue a formal reprimand based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends formally reprimanding Respondent.

**Shelvie Rose
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Rose unlawfully paid a surrogate to take the PRAXIS examination on his behalf. He used that fraudulent score to seek a Tennessee teaching license.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. The U.S. Postal Service notation that a properly addressed certified letter is "unclaimed" is sufficient evidence of the addressee's refusal to accept service and is sufficient legal notice to the addressee. By refusing delivery of the certified mail, Respondent has waived the right to a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.

**Tammy Jo Sills
Formal Reprimand**

The Background:

Allegation: Ms. Sills, an employee of Stewart County Schools, was reported for breaching TCAP test security.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to issue a formal reprimand based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends formally reprimanding Respondent.

Larry E. Stewart
Revocation, concurrent

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Stewart surrendered his West Virginia teaching license for having a sexual relationship with a student.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(5).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license concurrent with the WV revocation.

**Daniel Wynkoop
Revocation**

The Background:

Allegation: Mr. Wynkoop pled guilty to Sexual Battery by an Authority Figure in the Criminal Court of Anderson County and was placed on the TN Sex Offender Registry.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license. Because of the Sexual Battery by an Authority Figure conviction, Mr. Wynkoop's license is subject to automatic revocation.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(1).

The Board staff review committee recommends revocation of Respondent's teaching license.