

**Jerrica Parrish
Denial**

The Background:

Prior History: N/A

Facts: On September 22, 2021, Ms. Parrish submitted an application for a Tennessee educator license. Although her Educational Aide III license, in Texas, was permanently revoked, Ms. Parrish did not make a proper indication on the personal affirmation in her application in Tennessee. State Board Staff discovered the Texas revocation through a report through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC). Ms. Parrish's Texas license was revoked effective July 24, 2020.

Applicable Rule: 0520-02-03-.09(1)(k) defines 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)(h) provides that Board may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator's license for denial, formal reprimand, suspension, or revocation 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 that the Board 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 the rule.

0520-02-03-.09(5)(b) provides that actions related or similar to the above-enumerated offenses in paragraphs (3), (4), and (5)(a) shall carry recommended disciplinary action commensurate with the range established for the similar offense.

0520-02-03-.09(8)(b) provides that 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 her application** for a Tennessee educator license based upon these findings. Respondent was also

provided Board policy with respect to requesting permission to speak on her behalf regarding her Tennessee educator license application. Respondent received said notice.

Board Action Consistency Considerations:

N/A

e Recommendation:

The Board staff recommends that Ms. Parrish's Tennessee educator licensure application be denied.