
Cassandra Claycomb
Suspension, Concurrent with New Jersey Suspension

The Background:

Prior History: N/A

Facts: On August 5, 2022, the New Jersey Department of Education, State Board of Examiners, suspended Ms. Claycomb's educator license for six (6) years, effective September 1, 2022. Ms. Claycomb is alleged to have falsified a licensure application with the New Jersey Department of Education.

Applicable Law

/Rule: T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(5)(A)(iv) provides that the Board has the power to adopt rules and policies governing the discipline of licensed personnel for misconduct by formal reprimand, suspension, or revocation of licenses and certificates.

T.C.A. § 49-5-1004(b)(2) provides that educators shall not misrepresent the educator's professional qualifications.

T.C.A. § 49-5-1004(c)(2) provides that educators shall conduct themselves in a manner that preserves the dignity and integrity of the education profession.

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 the State Board of Education may suspend 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 State Board of Education may suspend an educator's license for other good cause as defined in subparagraph (1)(k) of this rule.

0520-02-03-.09(3)(j) provides that 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 this rule.

0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(7) provides that an individual holding an educator's license who is found to have falsified licensure documentation shall be subject to a disciplinary action within the range of revocation or permanent revocation.

0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(8) provides that 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.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend Respondent's educator license based upon these findings. Respondent received said notice. Respondent agreed to the suspension of Respondent's license.

Board Action Consistency Considerations:

N/A

The Recommendation:

Board counsel recommends that the Board approve the signed Consent Order submitted by Respondent for the suspension of Respondent's license based upon the facts and applicable rule noted above.