
License Actions: Denial, Formal Reprimand, Suspension, or Revocation

The Background:

The State Board of Education Denial, Formal Reprimand, Suspension, and Revocation Rule 0520-02-03-.09 sets forth the various grounds for discipline of licensed and permitted Tennessee educators. All cases are reviewed and acted upon according to the rule that was in place when the misconduct occurred. If an educator consents to licensure action proposed by the State Board of Education's staff case review committee, State Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09 requires that the signed consent order be presented to the State Board for approval. Additionally, if the staff case review committee recommends denial of an individual's application for an educator license or permit, State Board Rule requires that the denial recommendation be presented to the State Board for approval.

Connection to the [Master Plan](#):

This item supports the State Board's strategic focus on Teacher and Leaders outlined in the Master Plan by upholding the ethical standards of the teaching profession and ensuring students are provided the opportunity to learn in a safe environment.

The Recommendations:

Board action is required. State Board counsel recommends approval of the recommended licensure actions noted below.

- A. Lacy Baines – Suspension, Two (2) Years with Proof of Treatment
- B. Alexis Buglio – Suspension, Retroactive, Two (2) Months
- C. William Carter – Voluntary Surrender
- D. Sanford Graves – Suspension, Retroactive, One (1) Month – This item was removed at the Board Meeting for Harsher Discipline
- E. Mary Gunter – Formal Reprimand
- F. Blake Lyons – Formal Reprimand
- G. Joseph Malone – Formal Reprimand
- H. Lucianna McKenzie – Formal Reprimand
- I. Christopher Pope – Formal Reprimand
- J. Sara Pruitt – Formal Reprimand
- K. Linda Quinones – Voluntary Surrender
- L. Matthew Runyan – Suspension, One (1) Year
- M. David Shine – Suspension, Six (6) Months with Professional Development
- N. Michelle Tamburo – Suspension, Concurrent with Ohio
- O. Todd Vinson – Voluntary Surrender
- P. Brian Whitmore – Suspension, Three (3) Months