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**License Denial, Suspension, Revocation and Restoration**

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**The Background:**

**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 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 adoption of the attached orders imposing the discipline noted below on final reading.

- A. Brown, Nathan Justin - revocation
- B. Curry, Matthew - suspension, one (1) year, with contingency
- C. Easterly, Bridget - revocation, concurrent
- D. Gray, Virginia - suspension, two (2) years
- E. Holliday, Myles - suspension, one (1) year
- F. Hooker, Nick - suspension, concurrent
- G. Hunt, Christy - suspension, two (2) years
- H. Lamm, Thatcher - denial
- I. McCuiston, Steven L. - revocation, concurrent
- J. Tucker, Christopher - denial
- K. Wingo, Jennifer - revocation

**Nathan Brown  
Revocation**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* Mr. Brown resigned from Williamson County Schools following allegations of sending inappropriate text messages to a female 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 waived his right to a hearing in writing.

**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.

**Matthew Curry**  
**Suspension, one (1) year, with contingency**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* On May 15, 2012, Mr. Curry resigned from Rutherford County Schools after wrapping his around a student's legs and putting his head in her lap.

*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, agreed to the attached order.

**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 his teaching license for one (1) year with reinstatement contingent upon successful completion of educator boundary training.

**Bridget Easterly  
Revocation, concurrent**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* Ms. Easterly's teaching license was suspended in Alabama for being charged with First Degree Arson.

*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 the 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 license concurrent with the AL suspension.

**Virginia Gray**  
**Suspension, two (2) years**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* Ms. Gray resigned from Memphis City Schools following allegations that she slapped a student in the face and took inappropriate photographs of a student.

*Status:* Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend her license based upon these findings, and of her 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 suspension of Respondent's license for two (2) years.

**Myles Holliday**  
**Suspension, one (1) year**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* Mr. Holliday resigned from Stewart County Schools for using school equipment to solicit sexual activity.

*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. 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 suspension for one (1) year.

**Nick Hooker**  
**Suspension, concurrent**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* Mr. Hooker's license was suspended in Georgia for failing to disclose to his current employer and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission that he resigned a previous position out-of-state for having an inappropriate relationship with 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 waived his right to a hearing in writing.

**The Recommendation:**

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(5) and (b)(6).

The Board staff review committee recommends suspension concurrent with his GA suspension.

**Christy Hunt**  
**Suspension, two (2) years**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* During the 2012 TCAP test administration, Ms. Hunt paraphrased test items in writing and presented them to another teacher in an attempt to give the other teacher an advantage.

*Status:* Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received the 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 two (2) years.

**Thatcher Lamm  
Denial**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* Mr. Lamm's teaching license was revoked in Nebraska in 2005 for having a sexual relationship with a student.

*Status:* Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to deny his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received the 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 denial of Respondent's application for a teaching license.

**Steven L. McCuiston  
Revocation, concurrent**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* Mr. McCuiston had his Kentucky teaching license revoked for videotaping cheerleaders underneath a bleacher. Based upon this conduct, he pled guilty to Eavesdropping and Tampering with Physical Evidence.

*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 the 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 concurrent with the KY revocation.

**Christopher Tucker  
Denial**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* Mr. Tucker's teaching license was suspended in Alabama after altering and reporting false grades for two students and forging the signature of the Dean of Education at Liberty University in order to falsify his academic credentials.

*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 the 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 denial of Respondent's application for a teaching license.

**Jennifer Wingo  
Revocation**

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**The Background:**

*Allegation:* During the Spring 2012 administration of the English I End-of-Course test, Ms. Wingo provided answers to students in an attempt to aid them in cheating.

*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 the 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 license.