

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) **License No. 000292097**
ZHENG TU)

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Tennessee State Board of Education (“Board”) and Zheng Tu (“Respondent”), this matter is disposed of, pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2) as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Respondent was a licensed educator in the State of Tennessee.
2. The Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools reported that, during the 2012-2013 school year, Respondent engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a fifteen year old student.
3. Respondent pled guilty to misdemeanor charges and conviction for assault/provocative contact pursuant to T.C.A. § 39-13-101 and contributing to delinquency of a minor pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-156 in the Criminal Court for Davidson County, Tennessee on February 12, 2015.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for revocation of his license pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2)(f).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby orders, and Respondent agrees to the following:

1. Respondent hereby **voluntarily surrenders** his Tennessee educator license.
2. As a condition of the surrender, Respondent has agreed that he will not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position in a public school in the State of Tennessee.
3. As a condition of the surrender, Respondent agrees not to apply for restoration of his Tennessee educator license.
4. Approval of this Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning the Respondent’s conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.
5. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved by the Board.

6. Respondent must always answer affirmatively to the question on licensure applications regarding having been suspended, denied, or revoked.
7. Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and that he understands its contents.
8. Respondent understands that there is a right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order.
9. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
10. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order.
11. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board, which includes, but is not limited to reporting this action to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Educator and Certification ("NASDTEC") and posting on the Board website pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 49-1-302(p), (q).
12. If this Consent Order is not approved by the Board, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter.
13. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

CONSENTED TO:



Zheng Tu
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 10th day
of May, 2019.



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My commission expires: 9/6/22



Approved by the Board this 26th day of July, 2019.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST:



Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of July, 2019.



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After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent's last known address:

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116 Heron's Nest Lane
Hendersonville, TN 37075