

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) License No. 000709792
ANSLEY GOODEN)

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Tennessee State Board of Education ("Board") and Ansley Gooden ("Respondent"), this matter is disposed of, pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3) and 0520-02-03-.09(5) as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Respondent was a licensed educator in the State of Tennessee.
2. During the 2018-2019 school year, Respondent was employed by Shelby County Schools ("SCS") as a teacher at Cummings School.
3. SCS reported to the Board that, during February 2019, Respondent engaged in inappropriate communications with students by cursing at them in the classroom.
4. SCS also reported to the Board that, on March 8, 2019, Respondent was under the influence of alcohol at work.
5. Respondent has completed an alcohol treatment program. The date of completion was March 26, 2019.
6. Respondent was suspended for her inappropriate communications with students on February 27, 2019, and resigned effective March 27, 2019.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for suspension of her license pursuant to Board Rule Board Rules 0520-02-03-.09(3)(c), 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g), 0520-02-03-.09(3)(h), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(2)(iii), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(2)(iv), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(5)(i), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(5)(ii), and 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(8).

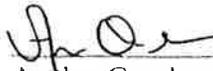
ORDER

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

1. Respondent's Tennessee educator license shall be **suspended for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of this Order.**

2. Reinstatement of Respondent's license upon the expiration of the 2-years suspension shall be contingent upon Respondent submitting proof that she has completed her substance abuse program as of March 26, 2019.
3. 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.
4. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved by the Board.
5. Respondent must always answer affirmatively to the question on licensure applications regarding having been suspended, denied, or revoked.
6. Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and that she understands its contents.
7. 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.
8. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
9. 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.
10. 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).
11. 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.
12. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

CONSENTED TO:


Ansley Gooden
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 8th day of July, 2019


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My commission expires: 11/08/2022



Approved by the Board this 15th day of November, 2019.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST:



Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of November, 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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Cleveland, MS 38732