

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:	October 2015
<p>CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL BY RAED A. ABUHAMDA OF THE DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION</p>	

<p>STATUTORY AUTHORITY:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 168.071, RSMo</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item <input type="checkbox"/> Report Item </p>
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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Applicant's Name: Raed A. Abuhamda

Denial: On July 6, 2015, the Office of Educator Quality denied Mr. Abuhamda's request for a Missouri substitute teaching certificate, based upon his criminal history.

On July 10, 2015, Mr. Abuhamda requested the Commissioner review the decision made by the Office of Educator Quality.

On July 20, 2015, the Department upheld the decision of the Office of Educator Quality and denied his application.

By correspondence received on August 24, 2015, Mr. Abuhamda requested the State Board of Education review the decision made by the Commissioner.

Disposition: On June 2, 2004, Mr. Abuhamda pled guilty based on the charges of the Felony, Aggravated Assault and the Felony, Receiving Stolen Property. The court ordered Mr. Abuhamda, as a juvenile, to be committed as a ward of the state for 210 days and to pay restitution in the state of California.

On September 8, 2005, Mr. Abuhamda's wardship was terminated.

On June 19, 2007, Mr Abuhamda's request to have his juvenile records sealed was denied by a California juvenile court in agreement with the recommendation to do so by the probation officer. Evidence presented included a Harvey Waiver order allowing consideration of the more serious dismissed charges and that he was prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm until the age of 30.

Letters of Recommendation: Five (5) – (Associate Professor, Executive Director, General Manager, Friend, Imam/Director)

PRESENTER:

William R. Thornton, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no new evidence which would merit reconsideration of the Department's decision to uphold the denial of Mr. Abuhamda's application for a Missouri substitute teaching certificate by the Office of Educator Quality. It is recommended that Raed A. Abuhamda's application be denied.