

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		April 2017		
<p>CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE LICENSE TO TEACH OF LESLIE M. ACKMAN, CASE # HR 16-031</p>				
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:		<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Report Item
Section 168.071, RSMo				
<p>DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:</p> <p>Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Mo. Rev. Stat. §168.071 authorizes the State Board of Education to discipline certificates of license to teach, which includes the authority to resolve issues by consent agreement or agreed settlement or voluntary surrender of the certificate of license. Rule 5 CSR 20-400.230 provides that the State Board of Education may accept a voluntary surrender or informally settle a case through a consent agreement or agreed settlement.</p> <p>Leslie M. Ackman currently holds an initial certificate of license to teach in the area of Mathematics, grades 9-12. She formerly held a provisional certificate of license to teach in the area of Mathematics, grades 9-12, which expired on August 15, 2014, and formerly held a substitute certificate of license to teach, which expired on August 1, 2014.</p> <p>On June 28, 2016, the Department filed a complaint alleging that Ms. Ackman had an inappropriate relationship with a male student who attended Neelyville High School during the 2013-2014 school year.</p> <p>On February 14, 2017, a Settlement Agreement Between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Leslie M. Ackman was received. Ms. Ackman agreed to surrender her certificates of license to teach. The parties have agreed that this settlement agreement should be submitted to the State Board of Education for consideration.</p> <p>PRESENTER:</p> <p>William R. Thornton, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Department recommends that the State Board of Education accept the surrender of Leslie M. Ackman’s teaching certificates pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. §168.071 (2016).</p>				