

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:	December 2016
<p>CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL BY REGINA L. CALVIN OF THE DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION</p>	

<p>STATUTORY AUTHORITY:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 168.071, RSMo</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <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: Regina L. Calvin

Denial: On August 16, 2016, the Office of Educator Quality denied Ms. Calvin’s request for an Initial Professional Certificate, based upon her criminal history.

On September 15, 2016, Ms. Calvin requested the Department review the decision made by the Office of Educator Quality.

Disposition: On November 30, 2011, Ms. Calvin pled guilty and received a suspended execution of sentence to the Felony, DWI-Alcohol-Persistent Offender. She was placed on three years of supervised probation. Conditions of her probation included completion of the Alternative Court Program; payment of an intervention fee of \$40 per month; no possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages; no entrance into any establishment whose primary source of income is the sale of alcoholic beverages; prohibition from being on the premises of any casinos, gambling facilities or pool halls; 15 weekends of shock time in the county jail; installation of an interlock device on any vehicles before operating; complete 120 days on Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD); and payment of court costs and fines.

PRESENTER:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Ms. Calvin submitted strong evidence of rehabilitation; letters of support from family, friends and members of the community; and has taken significant steps to regain certification including attending classes and testing in all content areas.

Pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071.13 “[a] certificate of license to teach to an individual who has been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed, shall be issued only upon motion of the state board of education adopted by a unanimous affirmative vote of those members present and voting.”

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education approve the application of Regina L. Calvin for an initial professional certificate, with renewal based upon a criminal background check reflecting no subsequent criminal convictions.