

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:****August 2016**

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE  
LICENSE TO TEACH OF MATTHEW O. CAMPAGNA, CASE # HR 16-004**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 168.071, RSMo

Consent  
ItemAction  
ItemReport  
Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

**SUMMARY:**

Matthew O. Campagna holds a lifetime certificate of license to teach in the area of Instrumental Music, grades K–12. Mr. Campagna is not currently teaching in a Missouri public school.

Mr. Campagna's New Mexico teaching license was revoked by the New Mexico Secretary of Education for "good and just cause" based on un rebutted evidence that Mr. Campagna engaged in a pattern of inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature or of sexual innuendo while engaged in the teaching profession, made his students uncomfortable and even afraid of him, misrepresented facts on some educational forms, and on several occasions acted unprofessionally before students, parents, and staff.

The revocation of Mr. Campagna's New Mexico educator license constitutes cause to discipline his Missouri certificate of license to teach pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071.1 (2) (3) and (4) (Supp. 2014).

Mr. Campagna received notice of the hearing, but was neither present nor represented through counsel.

**PRESENTER:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education revoke Mr. Campagna's certificate pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014).