

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE LICENSE TO TEACH OF DONALD W. COUNTS, CASE # HR 14-035	January 2015
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STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 168.071, RSMo	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item <input type="checkbox"/> Report Item
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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Donald W. Counts, Respondent, holds a lifetime certificate of license to teach in the area of physical education, grades K-12.

Respondent pled guilty to two drug-related felonies, possession of methamphetamines and possession of chemicals used to make methamphetamine. He received a suspended execution of sentence and was placed on five (5) years' supervised probation. During his probation, he was found guilty of third-degree domestic assault and was incarcerated for 120 days. Respondent remains on probation.

Respondent received notice of the hearing, but was not present at his hearing nor was he represented by counsel.

PRESENTER(S):

Mark Allan Van Zandt, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education revoke Respondent's teaching certificate pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014).