

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:

June 2015

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF MARY T. KAISER, CASE # HR 14-108**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Mary T. Kaiser holds a substitute certificate of license to teach that was issued on August 10, 2010. Her certification expired on August 10, 2014.

Educator Certification’s staff assignment report regarding Ms. Kaiser indicates she was employed by the Special School District of St. Louis County (SSD) as a paraprofessional or aide for the 2014–2015 school year. Since 2009, Ms. Kaiser has served as a SSD paraeducator in the Rockwood School District. She is seeking renewal of her substitute certificate so she can continue working in this field.

On April 3, 2014, Ms. Kaiser pled guilty to the Felony, Driving While Intoxicated. Having been deemed by the Court as a good candidate for Alternative Court (AC), she entered AC in April 2014. Ms. Kaiser is in the process of completing a 15 month regimen of AA meetings, sobriety tests, and community service. Should she complete the program, which she is on track to do, her felony will be reduced to a Class A Misdemeanor, execution of sentence will be suspended, and she will be placed on two (2) years’ supervised probation. The judge overseeing her case stated that Ms. Kaiser is excelling in the program.

Ms. Kaiser was present at the hearing, but not represented by counsel.

PRESENTER(S):

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

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education take no action against Ms. Kaiser’s teaching certificate or claim of certification held by her.