

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:

June 2015

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF RONALD W. MCCUTCHEN, CASE # HR 15-016**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

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. 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.

Ronald W. McCutchen holds a career professional certificate of license to teach in the area of Social Studies, 7–12, and a career administrator certificate of license to teach in the area of Principal, grades 7–12. Mr. McCutchen held an initial administrator certificate of license to teach for Superintendent, grades K-12, that expired on June 27, 2011.

On May 4, 2014, Mr. McCutchen entered an Alford Plea to the Misdemeanor, Identity Theft. As part of the disposition of the criminal charge, the court ordered Mr. McCutchen to surrender his certificate of license to teach. Mr. McCutchen has signed a statement of surrender waiving all procedural rights regarding revocation of his certificate of license to teach.

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 accept Mr. McCutchen’s statement of surrender and revoke his certification in disposition of his criminal conviction.