

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: May 2020

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF JARRETT A. MORRIS, CASE # HR 19-012**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

Consent Item Action Item Report Item

PRIORITY AREA

Educator Recruitment & Retention

SUMMARY

Jarrett A. Morris held valid career continuous professional certificates in the areas of Physical Education, grades K-12, and Health, grades K-12, at all times prior to receiving the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (DESE’s) notice of revocation, with effective dates of December 12, 2013, through December 12, 2112.

On February 13, 2019, Mr. Morris pled guilty to two counts of Misdemeanor, Furnishing Pornographic Material or Attempting to Furnish to a Minor. Based on his guilty plea, the court sentenced Mr. Morris to one year in the Clay County jail for both the first and second count and ordered the sentences to run concurrently. The court suspended execution of sentence for both counts. The court further ordered the following: two years of supervised probation; full-time employment; 40 hours of community service; no contact directly or indirectly with the victim or any member of victim’s immediate family to whom Mr. Morris allegedly sent the pornographic material; no admittance to any school premises; no contact with any minor child; and screening and treatment as directed by Mr. Morris’ probation officer. Mr. Morris’ probation has since been amended so that he may have contact with his own children and to allow Mr. Morris on school grounds to pick up his children from school. Mr. Morris is also currently a registered sex offender.

On July 24, 2019, DESE notified Mr. Morris that it was revoking his certificates pursuant Section 168.071, RSMo, and 5 CSR 20-400.230, as a result of his plea of guilty to two counts of Misdemeanor, Furnishing Pornographic Materials or Attempting to Furnish to a Minor.

Pursuant to § 168.071.8, RSMo, Mr. Morris filed an appeal of the revocations. On January 7, 2020, a hearing was held and Mr. Morris was present at the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

PRESENTER

Margaret K. Landwehr, Chief Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the State Board of Education revoke Mr. Morris' certificates pursuant to its authority under Section 168.071, RSMo.