

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:****March 2015**

CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF A SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE  
OF LICENSE TO TEACH TO THADIUS F. PAGE

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 168.071, RSMo

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

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

**SUMMARY:**

Applicant's Name: Thadius F. Page

On October 3, 2014, Mr. Page applied for a substitute certificate of license to teach.

Offense: On March 18, 2010, Mr. Page, age 34, was indicted for owning a dog and handling the dog during a dog fight. The perjury offense concerned the failure to reveal all financial assets when applying for the services of a federal public defender.

Disposition: On September 17, 2010, Mr. Page pleaded guilty to the Felony, Conspiracy to Commit Unlawful Acts of Dog Fighting, United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois, case number 3:10-CR-30053-MJR-4. On November 23, 2010, Mr. Page pleaded guilty to the Felony, Perjury, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois, case number 3:10-CR-30136-MJR-1. Mr. Page was sentenced to 21 months in prison for the perjury offense, one (1) year and one (1) day for the conspiracy offense and three (3) years' supervised release on both counts. Mr. Page was discharged from probation on September 15, 2014.

Previous Board Decision: On January 14, 2014, the State Board of Education considered the charges filed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requesting discipline on Mr. Page's certificates. The Board voted to revoke his substitute certificate of license to teach with the condition that a reapplication for certification would be considered upon successful completion of his current probation and a new criminal background check.

Letters of Recommendation: Three (3) – (Illinois State Representative, Family Member, Friend).

**PRESENTER(S):**

Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that the State Board of Education approve the application of Thadius F. Page for a substitute certificate of license to teach.