

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:

June 2019

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF JOLENE PERSOON (BENCH), CASE # HR 19-005**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Teachers and Leaders – Prepare, develop and support educators to ensure an effective teacher in every classroom and an effective leader in every school.

SUMMARY

Section 168.071, RSMo, 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 to teach. Rule 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.

Jolene Persoon (Bench) holds Missouri certificates of license to teach with the following classifications, subject areas, and expiration dates:

- Career Professional Certificate (CPC) - Elementary Education, grades 1-6 (06/09/2117);
- Initial Professional Certificate (PC) - Elementary Education, grades 1-6 (06/09/2018);
- Provisional Certificate - Elementary Education, grades 1-6 (08/13/2015); and
- Content Substitute Certificate (10/07/2014).

On January 9, 2019, a judgement was entered against Ms. Persoon in the Circuit Court of Phelps County, Missouri, finding her guilty of the Misdemeanor, Assault in the 4th Degree. As a part of the disposition of the criminal charges, Ms. Persoon agreed to surrender her certificates of license to teach. Ms. Persoon signed a statement of surrender waiving all procedural rights regarding revocation of her certificates of license to teach.

PRESENTER

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education accept Ms. Persoon's statement of surrender and revoke her teaching certificates.