

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:

October 2016

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF BRANDON C. SMALL, CASE # HR 15-042**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Brandon C. Small, Respondent, held a provisional certificate of license to teach in the area of Art, grades K–12. His certificate expired on August 7, 2016. Mr. Small is not currently employed in a Missouri public school.

On April 2, 2015, the Dallas County R-I School District Assistant Superintendent Deborah Dryer placed Mr. Small on administrative leave after receiving allegations that Mr. Small had inappropriate material on his classroom computer in violation of the Dallas County R-I School District Technology Usage Policy. Assistant Superintendent Deborah Dryer asked the school district technology department to make a copy of Mr. Small’s classroom computer’s hard drive. A clone copy of Mr. Small’s classroom computer’s hard drive was provided to Assistant Superintendent Deborah Dryer, including images found on the hard drive, via a “flash,” “jump,” or “zip” USB drive. The USB drive included over 1,500 photos of naked individuals, naked individuals engaged in sexual acts, and depictions of bestiality.

Mr. Small was present at the hearing, and represented by Attorney Daniel K. Wooten.

PRESENTER:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education revoke Mr. Small’s certificate pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. State § 168.017 (Supp. 2014).