

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		April 2019
<p>CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL BY JAMES MICHAEL VEST OF THE DENIAL OF CERTIFICATION</p>		
<p>STATUTORY AUTHORITY:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Section 168.071, RSMo</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item <input type="checkbox"/> Report Item </p>	
<p>STRATEGIC PRIORITY</p> <p>Teachers and Leaders – Prepare, develop and support educators to ensure an effective teacher in every classroom and an effective leader in every school.</p> <p>SUMMARY</p> <p>Applicant’s Name: James Michael Vest</p> <p>Denial: On November 5, 2018, the Office of Educator Quality denied Mr. Vest’s request for a Temporary Authorization certificate, based upon his criminal history.</p> <p>On December 4, 2018, Mr. Vest requested that the Department review the decision made by the Office of Educator Quality.</p> <p>On January 4, 2019, the Department upheld the decision of the Office of Educator Quality and denied his application.</p> <p>On January 30, 2019, Mr. Vest requested an appeal to the State Board Education of the decision dated January 4, 2019.</p> <p>Disposition: On February 25, 2003, Mr. Vest pled guilty to the Felony, Conspiracy to Distribute 500 Grams or More of Methamphetamine. Mr. Vest was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prison for a term of 87 months. On November 7, 2008, after being released from prison, Mr. Vest was placed on five years of supervised release. He was discharged from supervised release on December 11, 2012.</p> <p>Letters of Recommendation: 13 (George Gerald Gibeau, Jr., department chair, Network Technology Program, Ozarks Technical Community College; Gary Watson, president, Philippi Freedom Ministries; Judith M. Vest, retired educator; Greg Pettus, Missouri State University; Joe Griffin, president, Joe Griffin Media Ministries; Tracy M. McGrady, Ed.D., provost and vice chancellor, Academic Affairs, Ozarks Technical Community College; Matt Hudson, Ed.D., dean, Technical Education and Workforce Development, Ozarks Technical Community College; Tiffany Brunner, Middle College director, Ozarks Technical Community College; Kelli Akers, Career Center director, Ozarks Technical Community College; Cindy D. Wilson,</p>		

Middle College assistant director, Ozarks Technical Community College; a Middle College student; Wanda Freeman, retired teacher; and Kimberly Vest, sister)

PRESENTER

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education approve Mr. Vest’s application for a Temporary Authorization certificate.