

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

January 28, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Mary Khayesi Otenyo**, Case No. **C-2010-104**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** January 10, 2013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Mary Khayesi Otenyo** holds a Substitute certificate valid June 22, 2007 through September 4, 2013.

On June 19, 2010, the Arizona Department of Public Safety notified the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education (“Board”) that Ms. Otenyo’s fingerprint clearance card was suspended for an arrest or charge of prostitution.

Subsequently, on August 26, 2010, Ms. Otenyo was arrested for a separate offense of prostitution.

On August 27, 2010, Ms. Otenyo pled guilty to two counts of misdemeanor prostitution in the Phoenix Municipal Court. Ms. Otenyo accepted thirty days jail and thirty-six months probation.

During its investigation, the Investigative Unit learned that between December 7, 2010 and November 21, 2012, Ms. Otenyo was arrested and charged with prostitution on three separate occasions. She pled guilty to those charges.

In summary, Ms. Otenyo was arrested on five separate occasions for prostitution, and pled guilty to a total of five separate charges of misdemeanor prostitution in the Phoenix Municipal Court.

On December 20, 2012, the Investigative Unit notified Ms. Otenyo of the intent of the Board to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against her teaching certificate. After discussing the matter with Ms. Otenyo, she decided to surrender her teaching certificate.

On December 20, 2012, the Investigative Unit received Ms. Otenyo’s affidavit in which she surrendered her teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Mary Khayesi Otenyo’s teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**