

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

January 28, 2013

SUBJECT: Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Travis Munroe Townsend**, Case No. **C-2009-037**

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: January 10, 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Travis Munroe Townsend holds a Substitute certificate valid August 27, 2008 through April 11, 2014.

On January 22, 2007, Deer Valley Unified School District (“District”) notified the State Board of Education (“Board”) of allegations of immoral and unprofessional conduct on the part of Mr. Townsend. The District reported it obtained information from police alleging that Mr. Townsend was observed by a police officer kissing a thirteen-year-old female while in his parked vehicle. The District confirmed that Mr. Townsend was the female’s teacher and swim coach.

On November 7, 2012, the Investigative Unit notified Mr. Townsend of the intent of the Board to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against his teaching certificate. After discussing the matter with Mr. Townsend, he decided to surrender his teaching certificate.

On December 4, 2012, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Townsend’s notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

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

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Travis Munroe Townsend’s teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []