

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Review for **Rachael Lynn Quattro (Smith)**, Case No. **C-2012-064R**

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

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** April 4, 2013

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Rachael Lynn Quattro (Smith)** applied to convert her provisional Career and Technical Education (Family & Consumer Sciences) certificate to a standard certificate on September 24, 2012.

Ms. Quattro (Smith) answered “yes” to having been arrested for any offense for which she was fingerprinted. Ms. Quattro (Smith) disclosed an arrest on May 8, 2008, for two counts of possession of a controlled drug, with a subsequent conviction for one count of possession of controlled paraphernalia.

Separately, Ms. Quattro (Smith) answered “no” to having a professional certificate or license revoked and “no” to having received disciplinary action involving a professional certificate or license. However, Ms. Quattro (Smith)’s Virginia teaching license had been revoked on July 22, 2010. The decision was based upon Ms. Quattro (Smith)’s earlier conviction for possession of controlled paraphernalia. According to Ms. Quattro (Smith), she was not aware that her Virginia teaching license had been revoked.

Ms. Quattro (Smith) was advised that her application required a review by the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (“PPAC”) of the State Board of Education (“State Board”).

On February 12, 2013, the PPAC conducted a review of Ms. Quattro (Smith)’s application. No action was taken by the Committee due to the hearing being continued to consider additional information.

On March 12, 2013, the PPAC reconvened the review of Ms. Quattro (Smith)’s application.

The PPAC found that the following conduct occurred:

- Applicant was indicted on two counts of possession of a controlled substance and subsequently entered an Alford plea of guilty, which the judge recorded as “no contest”, to one count of possession of controlled paraphernalia.
- On July 22, 2010, the Virginia Board of Education ordered a revocation of the applicant’s license.
- Applicant answered “no” on her application of September 21, 2012 to having ever had a professional certificate or license revoked.

The PPAC found no aggravating factors.

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- The Virginia Board of Education concluded its revocation proceeding after the applicant’s certificate had expired, which was on June 30, 2008.
- The applicant moved to Arizona in July 2009, therefore the applicant did not receive notice from the Virginia Board of Education of its revocation proceedings.
- Highly positive letters of recommendation and teacher evaluations.
- Candor before PPAC.

- The sentence of incarceration was suspended.
- Ms. Quattro (Smith) has initiated a request to the State Board of Virginia to withdraw the revocation of her certificate.
- Ms. Quattro (Smith) voluntarily submitted to a drug test on the day following her arrest and tested negative.

By a vote of 4 to 0, the PPAC recommended that the State Board **grant Rachael Lynn Quattro (Smith)**'s application for certification.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**  INFORMATION  ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That the Board accept(s) the findings of facts, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the PPAC to **grant Rachael Lynn Quattro (Smith)**'s application for certification.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES  NO