

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

August 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Erasmio Luna**, Case No. **C-2012-053**

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: August 8, 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Erasmio Luna holds a Standard Elementary Education (K-8) certificate valid April 3, 2008, through April 3, 2014.

On August 15, 2011, Phoenix Police Department (“Department”) notified the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education (“Board”) of its investigation into allegations that Mr. Luna kissed a fourteen-year-old female student. Separately, Mr. Luna allegedly blew a kiss to a ten-year-old female student. Both alleged incidents occurred at Saint Francis Xavier Church.

On or around August 13, 2011, the Catholic Diocese placed Mr. Luna on administrative leave, pending the outcome of a police investigation.

In February 2012, while on administrative leave, Mr. Luna gave the Catholic Diocese a verbal resignation from his continued employment.

The Phoenix Police Department investigated the matter and referred the case to the county attorney for prosecution. The county attorney’s office declined prosecution.

On May 1, 2013, the Investigative Unit notified Mr. Luna of the intent of the State Board of Education to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against his teaching certificate. After discussing the matter with Mr. Luna and his legal counsel, he chose to surrender his teaching certificate.

On June 27, 2013, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Luna’s notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:

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

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO