

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

August 26, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of Valerie Burke Brown, Case No. C-2013-051

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

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** August 8, 2013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Valerie Burke Brown** holds a Standard Elementary Education (K-8) certificate valid July 11, 2008, through May 11, 2014.

On May 8, 2013, Paradise Valley Unified School District (“District”) notified the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education (“Board”) of allegations that Ms. Brown discriminated against minority students and parents. The District concluded that Ms. Brown made statements which were disrespectful, discriminatory, and demonstrated animus towards persons of different ethnicities. Subsequently, the District submitted a statement of charges to its Governing Board which moved to approve the dismissal of Ms. Brown.

On June 11, 2013, the Investigative Unit notified Ms. Brown of the intent of the State Board of Education to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against her teaching certificate. After discussing the matter with Ms. Brown, she chose to surrender her teaching certificate.

On June 27, 2013, the Investigative Unit received Ms. Brown’s notarized affidavit surrendering her teaching certificate.

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

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

**ATTACHMENTS: YES**  **NO**