

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review for **Larry Marrs**, Case No. **C-2013-002-R****SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** August 8, 2013**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Larry Marrs applied for a Substitute Certificate on December 27, 2012.

On his application for certification, Mr. Marrs answered “yes” to the following questions:

“Have you ever had any professional certificate or license, revoked or suspended?”

“Have you ever received a reprimand or other disciplinary action involving any professional certification or license?”

“Have you ever been arrested for any offense for which you were fingerprinted?”

In July 2000, Mr. Marrs pled guilty to a criminal charge of False Swearing. In October 2000, Mr. Marrs voluntarily relinquished his Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Certificate.

Mr. Marrs was advised that his application required a review by the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (“PPAC”) of the State Board of Education (“State Board”).

On June 12, 2013, the PPAC conducted a review of Mr. Marrs’ application. Mr. Marrs stated that in (YEAR), he used bad judgment during an unsworn insurance deposition in which he stated he had been in the military for five years, when in fact, he had been in the military for four years. Mr. Marrs stated that he did not intend to make false statements on his application for his POST certificate regarding having been a military police officer and member of the Special Forces Team while in the Navy. He continued that he had been an assistant to an admiral and was involved with the Special Forces Team, therefore he felt justified in listing the information on his POST application.

Additionally, Mr. Marrs stated that the allegation that he made a false statement on his POST application regarding having graduated with a pre-law degree from the University of Colorado was not true. He listed the degree on his application, but indicated that it was “in progress.”

The PPAC found that the following conduct occurred:

- In 2000, Mr. Marrs was found guilty of False Swearing.
- In 2000, Mr. Marrs voluntarily relinquished his POST Certificate.

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- Length of time since the conduct occurred (13 years)
- Letters of recommendation
- Success in working with youth at the Department of Corrections and his current educational environment
- Pursuit of additional work-related education

The PPAC found the following aggravating factors:

- More than one incident of false and misleading statements

By a vote of 4 to 1, the PPAC recommended that the State Board **grant Larry Marrs'** application for certification.

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

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

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []