

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

September 23, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of Jessica Annette Emmons, Case No. C-2013-055

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

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** September 5, 2013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Jessica Annette Emmons** holds a Guidance Counselor (PreK-12) certificate valid from April 21, 2010 through September 13, 2016, and a Substitute certificate valid from September 26, 2008, through September 13, 2014.

On May 17, 2010, the Arizona Department of Public Safety notified the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education (“Board”) that Ms. Emmons’s fingerprint clearance card was suspended for an arrest or charge of aggravated assault on a firefighter/EMT/medic.

During its investigation, the Investigative Unit learned of additional arrests and/or convictions for driving under the influence of drugs, assault, criminal damage, possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal trespassing.

On July 10, 2013, the Investigative Unit notified Ms. Emmons of the intent of the Board to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against her teaching certificates. After discussing the matter with Ms. Emmons, she chose to surrender her teaching certificates.

On August 13, 2013, the Investigative Unit received Ms. Emmon’s notarized affidavit in which she surrendered her teaching certificates.

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

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Jessica Annette Emmons’s teaching certificates and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**