

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

January 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review for **Patrick S. Bass** Case No. **C-2013-112R**

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: January 9, 2014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Patrick S. Bass applied for a Special Education K-12 Hearing Impaired teaching certificate on August 22, 2013. Mr. Bass answered “yes” to question 1: Have you ever had any professional certificate or license, revoked or suspended?

In his disclosure statement, Mr. Bass stated that he had been teaching for over 15 years in a range from Pre-K to grade 14 in a community college. In 2007, an incident occurred in California, which caused Mr. Bass to lose his teaching credentials. He used a California Alhambra School District-issued laptop computer to view pornographic material at home. After the incident, Mr. Bass resigned from the Alhambra School District; effective May 7, 2008.

The Alhambra Police Department was notified and investigated the allegations; it found no illegal activities or wrongdoing. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (“Commission”) revoked Mr. Bass’ teaching credentials, effective May 30, 2009. On April 19, 2011, Mr. Bass petitioned that his credentials be re-instated. On June 2, 2011, the Commission denied the petition stating that Mr. Bass had not taken responsibility for his misconduct; he lacked credibility regarding the events surrounding the misconduct; and he failed to inform his therapist regarding the reasons for the revocation.

On July 7, 2011, Mr. Bass requested reconsideration of the Commission’s denial of his Petition for Reinstatement. The Commission denied his request and the decision became effective and final on September 10, 2011.

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

On December 10, 2013, the PPAC conducted a review of Patrick Shawn Bass’s application.

The PPAC found no aggravating factors:

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- Letters of recommendation
- Witness testimony at the committee’s meeting.
- Candor on his current application and at the committee’s meeting.
- Completion of four years of therapy/counseling subsequent to the misconduct.
- Mr. Bass did not receive proper notification of the California Commission meeting on his revocation hearing and did not testify.

By a vote of 4 to 0, the PPAC recommended that the state Board **grant Patrick S. Bass's** application for certification.

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

That the Board accept the findings of facts, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the PPAC to **grant Patrick S. Bass's** application for certification.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO []