

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

January 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review for **Latosha Gamez**, Case No. **C-2013-132R**

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: January 9, 2014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Latosha Gamez applied for an Emergency Substitute teaching certificate on September 4, 2013.

Latosha Gamez 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?

On April 9, 2007, Ms. Gamez’s certified Nursing Assistant License (“C.N.A.”), was revoked. The Board found that she failed to follow orders. She failed to comply with the State Nursing Board request to see a drug dependency specialist after she submitted several negative urine samples.

Latosha Gamez was advised that her 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 Latosha Gamez’s application.

The PPAC found no aggravating factors:

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- After the revocation, Ms. Gamez obtained a Pharmacy Technician license, which required an evaluation by a designated intervention and recovery specialist.
- The specialist holds an Ed.D and stated in a letter dated April 20, 2009, that he does not believe the applicant has a drug or alcohol problem.
- Youth of applicant at the time of the misconduct and subsequent passage of time without problems.
- Letters of recommendation

By a vote of 4 to 0, the PPAC recommended that the State Board **grant Latosha Gamez’s** application for certification.

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

That the Board accept the findings of facts, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the PPAC to **grant Latosha Gamez’s** application for certification.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []