

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

January 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review for **Troy Brown**, Case No. **C-2013-042R**

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: January 9, 2014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Troy Brown applied for a Substitute teaching certificate on September 25, 2013.

Mr. Brown answered “yes” to the question:

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

On June 21, 2007, Mr. Brown’s license to practice law was suspended by the State Bar of Arizona for five months. He was placed on probation for two years. On December 12, 2007, he was reinstated as a member for the State Bar.

This action resulted when he failed to properly safeguard a client’s funds; failed to exercise due professional care in the maintenance of the client’s trust account; failed to record all transactions promptly and completely; failed to conduct monthly reconciliations of his trust account register, client ledgers and bank statements; and failed to maintain complete trust account records.

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

On November 13, 2013, the PPAC conducted a review of Troy Brown’s application.

The PPAC found no aggravating factors:

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- He practiced law for nearly a decade following reinstatement without issues.
- Letters of recommendation
- Candor on his application and before the committee
- Length of time since the unprofessional conduct

By a vote of 5 to 0, the PPAC recommended that the State Board **grant Troy Brown’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 Troy Brown’s** application for certification.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []