

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

January 27, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Complaint: **Shannon Bleigh, Case No. C-2011-105**

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

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** January 9, 2014

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Shannon Bleigh** holds a Substitute teaching certificate valid from July 28, 2009, through October 2, 2015. During that time, she was employed by the Littleton Elementary District (“District”).

On July 11, 2011, the Investigative Unit received a suspension notice of Ms. Bleigh’s fingerprint clearance card from the Department of Public Safety due to an arrest for marijuana possession, dangerous drug possession, theft, and shoplifting.

As a result of this incident, the Investigative Unit began disciplinary action against Ms. Bleigh.

On September 9, 2011, Ms. Bleigh guilty plea was accepted by the Superior Court of Arizona for Maricopa County. Ms. Bleigh pled guilty to one count of a class 6 undesignated felony possession or use of drug paraphernalia; and one count of misdemeanor shoplifting.

The Investigative Unit attempted to notify Ms. Bleigh that the State Board of Education (“State Board”) intend to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against her teaching certificate on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. The Notice of Complaint was mailed and returned marked as “Unclaimed”. The letters were mailed to Ms. Bleigh’s address of record with the Department of Education Certification Unit.

On November 13, 2013, the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (“PPAC”) held a hearing on the complaint. Ms. Bleigh was not present. After due consideration of the testimonial evidence and the exhibits presented, the PPAC found that Ms. Bleigh engaged in unprofessional conduct and voted unanimously, 5 to 0, to recommend that the State Board revoke her certificate.

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

That the Board accepts the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the PPAC and **revoke Shannon Bleigh’s** certification and that all states and territories be so notified.

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