

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

February 24, 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review for Tina Nicholson, Case No. C-2013-101R

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: February 6, 2014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Tina Nicholson applied for a Reciprocal Secondary teaching certificate on September 4, 2013.

Tina Nicholson answered “yes” to having received a reprimand or other disciplinary action involving any professional certification or license.

Ms. Nicholson disclosed she received a public reprimand from the California Board of Education, for receiving disability income while she worked. After months of not receiving disability income to cover her bills she worked a few hours. She reported that she worked on a client at a salon not realizing that she was doing anything illegal. She received disability income because she was not well enough to work full time as a teacher .

Tina Nicholson was advised that her application required a review by the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (“PPAC”) of the State Board of Education (“State Board”).

On January 14, 2014, the PPAC conducted a review of Ms. Nicholson’s application.

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- Her California teaching certificate was never suspended and she currently holds a valid California teaching certificate.
- Letters of recommendation

The PPAC found the no aggravating factors.

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

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []