

STIPULATION OF FACTS

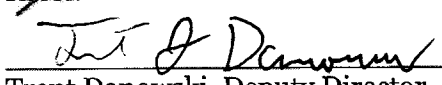
1. The Commission has licensed Amerson since October 28, 2019. Amerson currently holds a Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in Music (PK-12), valid from September 8, 2020 through September 18, 2023. During all relevant times, Amerson was an applicant with the Morrow County School District.
2. On August 18, 2020, the Commission received a misconduct report from the District indicating Amerson may have committed an act of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, it was reported that Amerson was not truthful when answering questions regarding Amerson's past criminal history on an employment application.
3. Investigation determined that on June 1, 2020, Amerson had applied for a teacher position with the District. On Amerson's application, Amerson answered "No" to a character question related to prior criminal history. On June 15, 2020, the District hired Amerson based on Amerson's application and character question answers, and pending the outcome of a background/criminal history check. On July 7, 2020, Amerson signed a consent form for the District to conduct a background/criminal history check.
4. Within two weeks after receiving Amerson's consent to conduct a background/criminal history check, the District found that Amerson had a criminal history. The District learned Amerson had been cited for Disorderly Conduct on March 23, 2018, by the Ellensburg Police Department in Washington. On April 15, 2018, Amerson accepted a plea agreement and plead guilty to the misdemeanor charge. Amerson was placed on unsupervised probation for one (1) year, given three (3) days of community service, and a fine. Amerson completed the full term of probation and community service without incident and paid the fine.
5. On July 21, 2021, the District rescinded their job offer because Amerson failed to meet their criteria for employment.

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1 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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3 Kai A. Amerson

1-15-2022
Date

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5 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director
6 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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01/18/2022
Date

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9 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

10 The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
11 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*
12 *professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
13 0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law,*
14 *exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c)
15 (*Falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to*
16 *licensure, employment, or professional duties*). This conduct also constitutes gross
17 unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(b) (*Fraud or*
18 *misrepresentation*).

19 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
20 ORS 342.175.
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22 **ORDER**

23 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
24 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Kai A. Amerson's
25 Oregon educator license.
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27 Issued and dated this 7 day of February, 2022.

28 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**
29 **STATE OF OREGON**

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31 By 

32 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director