

BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

**In the Matter of the
Educator License of
ISAIYAH KOVACHY**

STIPULATION OF FACTS AND FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION

On April 19, 2021, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a misconduct report from the Winston-Dillard School District (WDSO), indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Isaiyah Kovachy, (Kovachy.)

After review of the matters alleged, Kovachy and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a revocation of Kovachy's Oregon educator license.

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Kovachy stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Kovachy waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Kovachy acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Revocation (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Kovachy nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior

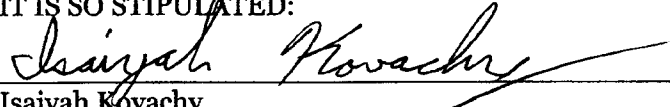
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1 to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated
2 Final Order below.

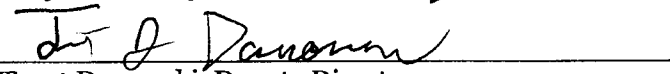
3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 4 1. The Commission has licensed Kovachy since March 2, 2016. Kovachy holds a
5 Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in Advanced Mathematics
6 (PK-12), valid from December 17, 2018, through January 4, 2022. During all
7 relevant times, Kovachy was employed by the Wintson-Dillard School District
8 (WDSD).
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- 10 2. On April 19, 2021, the Commission received a misconduct report from the WDSD
11 indicating Kovachy had self-reported on approximately March 27, 2021, that he
12 had engaged in an inappropriate romantic/sexual relationship with an 18-year-
13 old female student, "AS." WDSD placed you on leave and initiated an
14 investigation.
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- 16 3. According to WDSD and TSPC investigative records, on or about March 27, 2021,
17 Kovachy reported to WDSD staff that he was engaged in an inappropriate
18 sexual/romantic relationship with an 18-year-old former student, "AS." Kovachy
19 told district and TSPC officials that "AS" expressed interest in getting to know
20 him better. "AS" transferred to another school. "AS" asked Kovachy on a date,
21 which he at first, declined. Kovachy stated he researched the propriety of dating a
22 former student over the age of 18, but mistakenly concluded that it was
23 acceptable. Kovachy and "AS" began dating and entered into an inappropriate
24 romantic/sexual relationship. Kovachy told officials that he and "AS" will likely
25 marry. This matter was referred to law enforcement for further investigation,
26 however law enforcement declined to prosecute Kovachy as the student, "AS,"
27 was over the age of majority. Kovachy resigned his employment with WDSD.
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29 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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31 Isaiyah Kovachy

10/20/2021
Date

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33 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director
34 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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10/25/2021
Date

1 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

2 *The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS*
3 *342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)*
4 *(Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual), OAR*
5 *584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district*
6 *lawful and reasonable rules and regulations); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it*
7 *incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (Refrain from exploiting professional*
8 *relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues), OAR*
9 *584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate*
10 *interest in a student's personal life), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring*
11 *appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times).*

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13 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
14 ORS 342.175.

15 **ORDER**

16 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
17 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a revocation of Isaiyah Kovachy's
18 Oregon educator license for a period of one (1) year.

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20 Issued and dated this 5 day of November 2021.

21 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**
22 **STATE OF OREGON**

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24 By  _____

25 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director