

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

In the Matter of the)
Educator License of)
KEVIN R. CROTCHETT)

STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
FINAL ORDER OF SURRENDER
AND REVOCATION OF LICENSURE

On March 8, 2024, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received information from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) reporting that Kevin R. Crotchett (Crotchett) may have committed an act of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness.

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

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Crotchett stipulates that there is 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, Crotchett waives the right to a notice of hearing, and the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Crotchett 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 Surrender and 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 Crotchett 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 promises 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 to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below. In

1 entering into this stipulation, Crotchett waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of
2 fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

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4 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

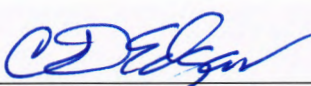
- 5 1. The Commission has licensed Crotchett since July 7, 1993. Crotchett holds a Professional
6 Administrator License, with an endorsement in Administrator (PK-12), valid from
7 November 4, 2022, through November 23, 2027. During all relevant times, Crotchett
8 was employed by the Portland School District, aka Portland Public Schools (PPS).
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- 10 2. On March 8, 2024, the Commission received information from DHS which contained
11 allegations that Crotchett may have committed acts of gross neglect of duty and/or gross
12 unfitness. Specifically, it was reported that Crotchett was under federal and local law
13 enforcement investigation for allegedly downloading illegal content involving juvenile
14 exploitation.
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16 3. Investigation found that in the summer of 2021, local law enforcement was working with
17 other national law enforcement agencies in conducting investigations to identify
18 individuals using Freenet, a secure, internet network frequently used for uploading and
19 downloading illegal content involving juvenile exploitation.
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21 4. On August 4, 2021, law enforcement identified an IP address associated with Crotchett's
22 laptop computer, as having accessed other Freenet computers with files containing
23 illegal content involving juvenile exploitation. on July 26, 2021, and July 27, 2021. The
24 illegal content was then transferred from an encrypted drive to another encrypted drive.
25 On August 4, 2022, during an interview with a federal law enforcement agent, Crotchett
26 stated that he was not aware of anyone outside of Crotchett's home having access to
27 Crotchett's home internet service, Crotchett admitted to having used Freenet, and
28 Crotchett confirmed he was the only person who used Crotchett's password protected
29 laptop. Crotchett voluntarily turned his laptop over to law enforcement and on August
30 29, 2022, Crotchett's laptop was made available for a forensic examination. Forensic
31 examination of Crotchett's laptop identified illegal content involving juvenile
32 exploitation.
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34 5. On September 5, 2023, Crotchett submitted his resignation for employment with PPS,
35 effective October 31, 2023.

6. On April 22, 2024, and March 3, 2025, Crotchett was contacted to schedule an interview with a Commission investigator. Through Crotchett's attorney, the Commission was notified Crotchett would not participate in an interview and that Crotchett wanted to surrender his Oregon teaching license.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:


Kevin R. Crotchett

9.5.2025
Date


Cristina Edgar, Deputy Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

9/15/2025
Date

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Kevin R. Crotchett's conduct as described in section four (4) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*) and OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

Crotchett's conduct as described in section six (6) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p) (*Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or refusal by an educator under investigation to respond to request for information, to furnish documents, or to participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission investigation*).

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

ORDER

The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts, and hereby accepts the surrender of Kevin R. Crotchett's Oregon educator license and revokes Kevin R. Crotchett's Oregon educator license.

1 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19th day of November, 2025.

2 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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4 By: Rachel Alpert
5 Rachel Alpert, Executive Director
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