

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

In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
Educator License of) FINAL ORDER OF SURRENDER
MEGAN A. TORRES) AND REVOCATION OF LICENSURE

8 On May 31, 2024, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
9 received information from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) reporting that
10 Megan A. Torres (Torres) may have committed an act of gross neglect of duty and/or gross
11 unfitness.

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

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

21 By signing below, Torres acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the
22 following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing to contest the
23 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all
24 such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final
25 Order of Surrender and Revocation (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final
26 Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii)
27 this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the
28 Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order,
29 then neither Torres nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read
30 this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any
31 force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry
32 of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promises or representation has been
33 made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has consulted with an
34 attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to
35 her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into
36 this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below. In

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

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4 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

5 1. The Commission has licensed Torres since August 29, 2006. Torres currently
6 holds a Professional Teaching License with an endorsement for Art (PK-12 &
7 PreK-12). The license was issued on August 26, 2020 and expires on September
8 10, 2025. During all relevant times, Torres was employed by the Cascade School
9 District (CSD).

10 2. On May 31, 2024, the Commission received an Oregon Department of Human
11 Services (DHS) cross report. On June 17, 2024, the Commission received a
12 School District Misconduct Report from the CSD. The report alleges that Torres,
13 a licensed educator, engaged in professional misconduct. Specifically, the DHS
14 report alleges that Torres engaged in a sexually inappropriate relationship with a
15 Cascade High School (CHS) student (Student A) during the 2020-2021 school
16 year. Student A was 17-years-old at the time and Torres was 44-years-old.

17 3. Investigation by TSPC, DHS, CSD, and the Marion County Sheriff's Office
18 (MCSO) determined the following:
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20 • This matter was reported to DHS in May of 2024.
21 • The district became aware of the report on or about May 31, 2024 and
22 placed Torres on administrative leave while this matter was investigated.
23 • On June 3, 2024 Student A was interviewed by detectives from the MCSO.
24 • During this interview, Student A reports that during the 2020-2021 school
25 year, (he was a high school Junior) Torres began flirting with him.
26 • Student A reported that he once sent photos of him swimming to Torres,
27 and Torres responded with "I'd like to swim with you once you're 18."
28 • Student A reported that Torres told him that she loved him.
29 • Student A reported that Torres began exchanging emails with him, which
30 included explicit photos.

1 • Student A reported that the messaging started over school email, then
2 moved to personal email, then to Snapchat.
3 • Student A reported to MCSO detectives that Torres invited him over to her
4 home multiple times.
5 • Student A reported that he never went to Torres' home and eventually told
6 her that things needed to stop.
7 • Student A reported that once he requested that things stop, Torres
8 stopped.
9 • Student A provided copies of some of the messages exchanged between
10 himself and Torres to the MCSO.
11 • The MCSO forwarded this matter to the Marion County District Attorneys
12 Office, who declined to pursue criminal charges.

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14 4. In June of 2025, the Torres resigned her position with the district.

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16 5. On May 29, 2025, TSPC investigative staff attempted to interview Torres. Prior to
17 the scheduled interview TSPC received the following email from Torres' attorney:
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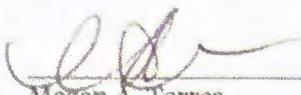
19 *"My client, Megan Torres, has decided not to participate in an interview with TSPC at
20 this time. We are still awaiting a decision from the District on its internal investigation
21 which we had hoped to have by now.*

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23 *Ms. Torres is aware that not participating in the TSPC interview may lead to
24 disciplinary action."*

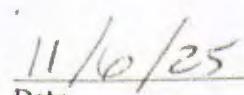
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26 6. On July 22, 2025, the Commission was contacted by Torres' attorney who relayed
27 that Torres wanted to voluntarily surrender her Oregon teaching license via a
28 Stipulated Order.

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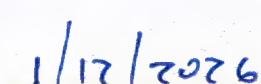


Megan A. Torres



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Cristina Edgar, Professional Practices Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

Date



CONCLUSION OF LAW

The conduct described above in section three (3) constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual conduct with a student) as defined by OAR 584-020-0005(8) and ORS 339.370(12)(a); 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), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations; OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (Refrain from exploiting professional relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal life), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times), and OAR 584-020-0040(4) (q) Unauthorized use of school electronic equipment to received, store, produce or send sexually explicit materials.

The conduct described in section five (5) 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 requests for information, to furnish documents or to participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission investigation).

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

ORDER

3 The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts and hereby accepts the surrender
4 of Megan A. Torres' Oregon educator license and revokes Megan A. Torres' Oregon educator
5 license.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 6th day of November, 2025.

February 2026

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: Rachel Alpert
Rachel Alpert, Executive Director