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Teacher Standards &
Practices Commission

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 PERMANENT
AARON SAMUEL LEVINSON)	REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO APPLY

On September 23, 2013, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received information expressing concern that Levinson had conveyed traits that may render him unqualified to perform his professional responsibilities as an educator.

After review of the matters alleged, Levinson and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, and the permanent revocation of Levinson's right to apply for licensure.

This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the stipulated sanction to be imposed. Levinson stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below.

By signing below, Levinson 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 Permanent Revocation of Right to Apply (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 Levinson 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

1 consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no
2 promises or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final
3 Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order
4 and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to
5 consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and
6 entry of the Stipulated Final Order below. He understands that he waives his right to seek
7 reinstatement as provided in ORS 342.175(4). This Order sets forth the facts upon which the
8 parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. In entering into this stipulation, Levinson
9 waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set
10 forth below.


11 STIPULATION OF FACTS

- 12 1. Aaron Levinson has been licensed by the Commission since August 3, 2010. Levinson's
13 Initial I Teaching License, with an endorsement in Multiple Subjects Self Contained
14 (ECE, ELE), was issued August 3, 2010, and expired on October 15, 2013. Levinson has
15 not made application for renewal.
- 16 2. On September 23, 2013, the Commission received a report expressing concern that
17 Levinson had conveyed traits that may render him unqualified to perform his
18 professional responsibilities as an educator. The Commission conducted an investigation
19 in which Levinson fully cooperated. Levinson is participating in treatment for a medical
20 condition that renders him unfit to teach. The Commission and Levinson agree the
21 investigation has determined that the facts identified are sufficient to establish gross
22 unfitness on the part of Levinson, making him unqualified to hold an educator's license.

23 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

24 
25 Aaron Samuel Levinson

5/6/14
Date

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27 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

5-15-14
Date

1 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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3 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

4 Aaron Samuel Levinson's medical condition establishes that Levinson does not possess
5 good moral character or mental and physical fitness as required to hold a license under ORS
6 342.143(2). These and other admissions constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS
7 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(*Gross unfitness is any conduct which renders an*
8 *educator unqualified to perform his or her professional responsibilities. Conduct constituting*
9 *gross unfitness may include conduct occurring outside of school hours or off school premises*
10 *when such conduct bears a demonstrable relationship to the educator's ability to fulfill*
11 *professional responsibilities effectively*).
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13 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
14 342.175.

15 **ORDER**

16 The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts, Conclusion of Law, and hereby
17 permanently revokes Aaron Levinson's privilege to apply for a license.
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19 IT IS SO ORDERED this 6th day of August, 2014.

20 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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22 By: Victoria Chamberlain
23 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director