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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
KAI A. AMERSON) PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On August 18, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a misconduct report from the Morrow County School District (District) indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Kai A. Amerson (Amerson).

After review of the matter alleged, Amerson 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 Public Reprimand.

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. In entering into this stipulation, Amerson waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

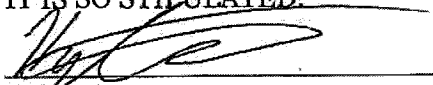
By signing below, Amerson acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) Amerson has been fully advised of Amerson’s rights to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand (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 Amerson nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) Amerson has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) Amerson 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) Amerson states that no promise or representation has been made to induce Amerson to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) Amerson has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to Amerson’s 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.

1 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

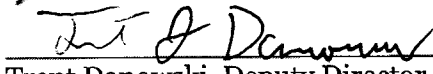
- 2 1. The Commission has licensed Amerson since October 28, 2019. Amerson
3 currently holds a Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in Music
4 (PK-12), valid from September 8, 2020 through September 18, 2023. During all
5 relevant times, Amerson was an applicant with the Morrow County School
6 District.
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- 8 2. On August 18, 2020, the Commission received a misconduct report from the
9 District indicating Amerson may have committed an act of gross neglect of duty
10 and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, it was reported that Amerson was not
11 truthful when answering questions regarding Amerson’s past criminal history on
12 an employment application.
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- 14 3. Investigation determined that on June 1, 2020, Amerson had applied for a
15 teacher position with the District. On Amerson’s application, Amerson answered
16 “No” to a character question related to prior criminal history. On June 15, 2020,
17 the District hired Amerson based on Amerson’s application and character
18 question answers, and pending the outcome of a background/criminal history
19 check. On July 7, 2020, Amerson signed a consent form for the District to
20 conduct a background/criminal history check.
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- 22 4. Within two weeks after receiving Amerson’s consent to conduct a
23 background/criminal history check, the District found that Amerson had a
24 criminal history. The District learned Amerson had been cited for Disorderly
25 Conduct on March 23, 2018, by the Ellensburg Police Department in
26 Washington. On April 15, 2018, Amerson accepted a plea agreement and plead
27 guilty to the misdemeanor charge. Amerson was placed on unsupervised
28 probation for one (1) year, given three (3) days of community service, and a fine.
29 Amerson completed the full term of probation and community service without
30 incident and paid the fine.
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- 32 5. On July 21, 2021, the District rescinded their job offer because Amerson failed to
33 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

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*).

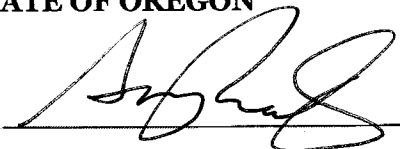
19 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
20 ORS 342.175.

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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

