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**STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 1. The Commission has licensed Martin since June 2, 2006. Martin holds a Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in Art (PK-12), Foundational Language Arts (PK-12), and Foundational Social Studies (PK-12), valid from November 12, 2020, through November 11, 2025. Martin also holds a Substitute Teaching License, with an endorsement Substitute (PK-12), valid from November 12, 2020, through November 11, 2023. During all relevant times, Martin was employed by Hillsboro School District (HSD).
- 2. On February 23, 2022, the Commission received a misconduct report from the HSD alleging that on February 4, 2022, Martin intentionally threw a volleyball which struck a student in the face and caused bruising. On February 24, 2022, the Commission received a report from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) alleging that on February 4, 2022, Martin threw a volleyball at a student which hit the student’s face and caused bruising. A DHS investigation was unable to substantiate abuse.
- 3. Investigation found that on February 4, 2022, Martin was teaching a class in the Evergreen Middle School gymnasium. After the class started, two students were conversing with each other. To get the student’s attention, Martin made a chest-pass with a volleyball towards one of the students and the ball unintentionally struck the student on the side of his face. Several hours later, a photo was taken of the student’s face which showed a large area of redness on the student’s cheek.
- 4. On February 7, 2022, Martin was placed on administrative leave. On February 24, 2022, Martin resigned his position with the district.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

<i>Michael S. Martin</i>	03 / 14 / 2023
Michael S. Martin	Date
<i>Trent Danowski</i>	03/16/2023
Trent Danowski, Deputy Director	Date
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission	

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**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

The conduct described in section three (3) 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(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0010(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of students*), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*), and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*).

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

**ORDER**

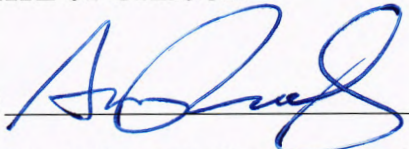
The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Michael S. Martin’s Oregon educator license.

Furthermore, the Commission imposes a two (2) year period of probation upon Martin’s Oregon educator license and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Martin shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020
2. Within the probation period, Martin shall complete a Commission approved training course on classroom management and submit proof to the Commission of successful completion of the training.

Issued and dated this 7 day of April 2023.

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

By  \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director