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STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. The Commission has licensed White since August 12, 2008. White holds a Professional Teaching License, with an endorsement in Social Studies (PK-12), valid from November 16, 2017, through November 2, 2022. During all relevant times, White was employed by the La Grande School District (LGSD)
2. On April 17, 2019, the Commission received a report from the LGSD indicating you may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, the report alleged White worked outside the scope of his teaching license by counseling student about mental health issues when the student was attending school.
3. Investigation determined that in early April 2019, White communicated with a former student of La Grande High School who had graduated in May 2018. During the LGSD's investigation regarding this, the district learned White had discussions with the student during the 2017-2018 school year about the student's mental health issue. White had previously held a Limited Conditional Assignment License to fill the role of a school counselor with the Union High School from October 28, 2008, through October 27, 2011. In White's interview with the Commission, White acknowledged that during the 2017-2018 school year, he spoke with the student about a mental health issue the student had and how to cope. White failed to refer the student to either a school counselor or the district's school based health center.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

Josh H. White

Date

Trent Danowski, Deputy Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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CONCLUSION OF LAW

The conduct described 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*), and OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of students*), OAR 584-020-0035(2)(a) (*Apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position of*

1 *responsibility only on the basis of professional qualifications, and will adhere to the*
2 *conditions of a contract or the terms of the appointment).*

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

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6 **ORDER**

7 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
8 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Josh H. White's
9 Oregon educator license.

10 Furthermore, the Commission imposes a period of three (3) years' of probation
11 upon White's Oregon educator license to commence from the date this order is signed,
12 and subject to the following terms and conditions of probation:

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- 14 1. White shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance
15 of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division
16 020.
 - 17 2. Within the first year of probation, White shall successfully complete a
18 Commission approved training course on referral pathways for students with
19 mental health issues.

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21 Issued and dated this 22 day of June 2021.

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

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25 By _____

26 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director