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2 1. The Commission has licensed Batliner since June 9, 2006. Batliner currently
3 holds a Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in Elementary:
4 Advanced Mathematics (PK-12) and Legacy Middle Level (PK-12), valid from
5 March 21, 2021 through March 20, 2026. During all relevant times, Batliner was
6 employed by the Portland Public School District (PPS).

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8 2. On May 7, 2021, the Commission received a School District Misconduct Report
9 from PPS. The report alleged that Derrick Batliner, a mathematics teacher at
10 Jefferson High School (JHS), engaged in a sexual/romantic relationship with an
11 18-year-old female student, SK.

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13 3. A review of PPS investigative documents indicate that on March 18, 2020,
14 Batliner initiated personal contact with SK by emailing her school email account
15 from his school email account. In that email, Batliner told SK:

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17 *“I don’t know what is going to happen going forward with respect to*
18 *school, but I am going to miss seeing you every day until it starts up*
19 *again. You are without a doubt, probably, maybe, kind of, my favorite*
20 *student sorta ever.”*

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22 PPS interviewed SK, and she provided testimony and evidence that Batliner had
23 begun giving her special attention, rubbing her back, and grooming her since she
24 was 15 years old. She reported that Batliner would often “caress her on the back”
25 and spend time alone in his classroom with her discussing personal matters. SK
26 reported that Batliner “groomed” her until she was 18 years old. She reported
27 that Batliner would frequently make inappropriate comments/compliments
28 about her body and her physical appearance. She reported that shortly after she
29 turned 18 Batliner asked her to meet up for lunch, and she and Batliner began
30 communicating on a regular basis over text message and Snapchat. SK reported
31 that Batliner frequently engaged in highly sexualized conversation with her and
32 would send each other nude photos. SK reported that Batliner would also engage

1 in phone sex and FaceTime videos with one another and would masturbate on
2 camera (stroking his penis in front of her). SK reported that she met up with
3 Batliner several times after she turned 18, however stated that he had told her
4 that he was “too nervous” to kiss her or touch her. PPS substantiated the
5 allegations based on documentary evidence and direct testimony of SK. In lieu of
6 termination, Batliner resigned his position with the district on June 21, 2021 via a
7 Separation Agreement. No criminal charges were filed in this matter due to SK
8 being 18 years old.

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- 10 4. TSPC investigative staff attempted to interview Batliner regarding this matter,
11 but he declined to participate. Through his attorney, Batliner provided the
12 following statement to TSPC:

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14 *“I am in receipt of the TSPC’s letter requesting an interview with me. I*
15 *have discussed the interview with my attorney, and I am declining to*
16 *interview with regard to the investigation of the alleged conduct in*
17 *connection with my Oregon teaching license. I understand that declining*
18 *to interview carries potential consequences. Still, given my particular*
19 *circumstances, I do not wish to be interviewed. I am writing this letter to*
20 *document this decision for my TSPC investigation file and having been*
21 *advised on this decision by my attorney in this matter.*

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23 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

24 The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
25 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)
26 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*),
27 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e)
28 (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR 584-020-
29 0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (*Refrain from exploiting*
30 *professional relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of*
31 *persons or issues*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing*
32 *professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal life*), and OAR 584-

1 020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in*
2 *conduct and conversations at all times*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(w) (*Failure of*
3 *an educator to cooperate with an investigation conducted by the Teacher*
4 *Standards and Practices Commission under ORS 339.370 to ORS 339.400 and ORS*
5 *342.176, except subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege*).
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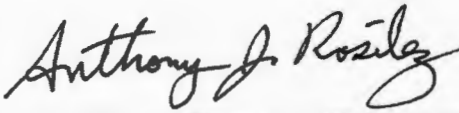
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8 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
9 ORS 342.175.

10 **FINAL ORDER**

11 The Commission hereby revokes Batliner's Oregon teaching license. Batliner will
12 be eligible to apply for reinstatement after a period of one (1) year.
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14 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 18 day of January, 2023.
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16 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

17 By: 
18 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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20 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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22 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY
23 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
24 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
25 ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

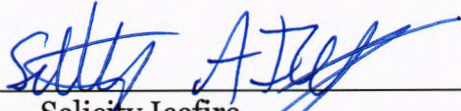
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing notice of final order, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Derrick J. Batliner
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Dated this 18 day of January, 2023.

By: _____


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