

1 November 16, 2022. During all relevant times, Miller-Rider was employed by the
2 Portland Public School District (PPSD).

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4 2. On November 15, 2021, the Commission received a Department of Human Services –
5 Child Welfare (DHS) cross-report alleging misconduct by Nathaniel Miller-Rider an
6 educator at McDaniel High School (MHS) in the PPSD. The report alleged that
7 Miller-Rider engaged in a consensual sexual relationship with a 17- year-old student
8 identified as “BR” from approximately January 2021 to June of 2021. It was also
9 alleged that the relationship included Miller-Rider sharing sexually explicit photos
10 and texts with BR.

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12 3. Investigation into this matter conducted by PPSD determined that the allegations
13 above were substantiated via witness testimony and documentary evidence. The
14 investigation yielded the following:

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- 16 • PPSD became aware of the allegations against Miller-Rider on November
17 15, 2021.
- 18 • Miller-Rider was immediately placed on administrative leave pending the
19 outcome of the PPSD/Commission investigation.
- 20 • BR was a student at MHS from August 2017 to June 2021.
- 21 • BR was one of Miller-Rider’s students while she attended MHS.
- 22 • BR was a student in Miller-Rider’s physics class her junior year, (2019-
23 2020 school year).
- 24 • BR was a Teaching Assistant (TA) for Miller-Rider’s physics class her
25 senior year, (2020-2021 school year.)
- 26 • Miller-Rider shared personal information about himself and gave BR
27 gifts from November 2020 to June of 2021.
- 28 • During the 2020-2021 school year, Miller-Rider began communicating
29 with BR on social media, Snapchat, and text message outside of school.

- 1 • In December of 2020, Miller-Rider told BR that he had broken up with
2 his girlfriend and invited her to come over to his temporary residence, a
3 rented Airbnb property in Portland, Oregon.
- 4 • Miller-Rider began spending time with BR at his residences, watching
5 movies, and hanging out.
- 6 • Miller-Rider began texting BR sexually inappropriate messages via text
7 and Snapchat. The conversations were sexually explicit and included
8 photographs.
- 9 • In January of 2021, Miller-Rider began engaging in sexual intercourse
10 (vaginal, oral and digital penetration) with BR at his residence in
11 Portland, Oregon.
- 12 • Miller-Rider stopped engaging in sex with BR in June of 2021.
- 13 • On November 15, 2021, after being placed on administrative leave and
14 learning of the investigation into this matter, Miller-Rider contacted BR
15 via Snapchat using an account under a different name, and discussed the
16 allegations with BR.
- 17 • On November 15, 2021, PPSD placed Miller-Rider on leave pending the
18 outcome of the PPSD and the Commission investigations.
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- 20 4. On December 15, 2021, the Commission was contacted by Miller-Rider’s attorney,
21 Noah Barish. Barish wrote to the Commission to notify the agency that he was
22 Miller-Rider’s retained legal counsel. Commission investigative staff responded to
23 the email, asking to schedule an interview. On December 16, 2021, the Commission
24 received a response from Barish advising the Commission that Miller-Rider would be
25 “declining to participate” in an interview or investigation with the Commission.
26 Commission investigative staff responded to the message notifying Miller-Rider and
27 his attorney that by declining to participate in the investigation could result in
28 Miller-Rider receiving additional sanctions against his Oregon educator’s license for
29 failing to cooperate with Commission investigation. Miller-Rider’s attorney
30 acknowledged the Commission’s explanation and repeated that Miller-Rider elected
31 not to interview with the Commission.

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2 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

3 The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
4 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)
5 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR
6 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using*
7 *district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it
8 incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (*Refrain from exploiting professional*
9 *relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues*),
10 OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally*
11 *inappropriate interest in a student's personal life*), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D)
12 (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations*
13 *at all times*).


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

17 **FINAL ORDER**

18 The Commission hereby revokes Miller-Rider's teaching license.

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20 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 13th day of May, 2022.

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22 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

23 By: 
24 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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26 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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28 **YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY**
29 **BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE**
30 **SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF**
31 **ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.**