1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
5 6 7 8	In the Matter of the DEFAULT ORDER OF Educator License of REVOCATION  NATHANIEL C. MILLER-RIDER  DEFAULT ORDER OF REVOCATION
9	On March 10, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10	(Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Nathaniel C. Miller-Rider,
11	(Miller-Rider) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and
12	/or Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified
13	Mail Receipt 7021 0350 0000 8183 8275 to the address on file with the Commission.
14	The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima
15	facie case. An additional copy was sent to the address on file for Miller-Rider's attorney,
16	Noah Barish. The regular first-class mail was not returned to the Commission and
17	assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated March 10, 2022, and
18	signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."
29	Miller-Rider's attorney, Noah Barish, responded requesting a hearing, but later
30	indicated to the Commission that Miller-Rider would withdraw his request and default.
31	The Commission, therefore, finds Miller-Rider to be in default and enters the following
32	findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the
33	Commission concerning this matter.
34	FINDING OF FACT
35	1. The Commission has licensed Miller-Rider since January 31, 2018. Miller-Rider
36	currently hold a Preliminary Teaching License, with endorsements in Advanced
37	Mathematics (PK-12) and Physics (PK-12), valid from November 30, 2018, through

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		<ul> <li>PPSD became aware of the allegations against Miller-Rider on November</li> </ul>
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. Miller-Rider began spending time with BR at his residences, watching 4 5 movies, and hanging out. Miller-Rider began texting BR sexually inappropriate messages via text 6 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. Miller-Rider stopped engaging in sex with BR in June of 2021. 12 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 allegations with BR. 16 17 On November 15, 2021, PPSD placed Miller-Rider on leave pending the 18 outcome of the PPSD and the Commission investigations. 19 4. On December 15, 2021, the Commission was contacted by Miller-Rider's attorney, 20 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 his attorney that by declining to participate in the investigation could result in 27 Miller-Rider receiving additional sanctions against his Oregon educator's license for 28 failing to cooperate with Commission investigation. Miller-Rider's attorney 29 30 acknowledged the Commission's explanation and repeated that Miller-Rider elected

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)(0) 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),
0	OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (Not demonstrating or expressing professionally
1	inappropriate interest in a student's personal life), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D)
2	(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
6	upon ORS 342.175.
17	FINAL ORDER
8	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
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	By: J. Rosiles
23	Ву:
24 25	Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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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.