

1 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
2 the Stipulated Final Order below.

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**
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- 5 1. Parker applied for a Charter School Registry Teaching License on November 23,
6 2021, but the license was not issued as a result of this pending investigation.
7 During all relevant times, Parker was employed by the Willamette Leadership
8 Academy (WLA).
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- 10 2. On January 24, 2022, the administration at the WLA filed a School District
11 Misconduct Report to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
12 (Commission). The report alleged that Parker had been communicating with a
13 student, (AE) via social media. The communication was alleged to have been
14 personal in nature, and the staff at the WLA reported that the conversations
15 Parker had with AE appeared to be grooming and/or romantic in nature. On
16 January 4, 2022, student AE reported to WLA staff that she had been engaged in
17 an inappropriate relationship with Parker. Law enforcement was contacted, and
18 an investigation was conducted.
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- 20 3. Per WLA and police records, on January 4, 2022, student AE reported to WLA
21 staff that Parker reached out to her on social media platforms and began sharing
22 information about his personal life in December of 2021. Student AE reported
23 that Parker and her began dating on December 20, 2021. (Parker had resigned
24 his position with WLA on December 24, 2021, citing a medical issue.) WLA staff
25 turned the investigation over to the Lane County Sheriff's Office, (LCSO) because
26 at the time this was reported, Parker was no longer an employee of WLA, and
27 student AE was 18 years of age. AE reported to the district and to the LCSO that
28 Parker had contacted her over social media to "try and get close to her." Student
29 AE reported that the communication by Parker was unwanted and she was afraid.
30 Student AE reported that Parker and her had dated over winter break in
31 December 2021, but reported that she had since "broken up" with him. Student
32 AE was asked by law enforcement if she had ever met Parker outside of school,
33 and she said no. Student AE was asked to define what she meant by "dating" and
34 she reported that Parker and her had exchanged messages on Facebook as well as

1 Snapchat, and in those conversations had occasionally said “I love you” back and
2 forth. She reported that Parker had told her not to tell anyone at the school that
3 the two of you were together. Student AE reported that she decided she didn’t
4 want any further contact with Parker and blocked him on social media and
5 deleted all of the conversations.

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7 The LCSO interviewed Parker during their investigation, and he reported that he
8 had received a Facebook friend request from student AE. Parker told the LCSO
9 that he had accepted the friend request and stated that he and AE had spoken
10 back and forth on Facebook as well as Snapchat. Parker reported that he and AE
11 had exchanged photos of one another, but that the photos were not sexual in
12 nature. Parker told the investigating LCSO deputy that he believed it was
13 inappropriate for a teacher to be communicating with a student outside of school
14 but reported that he didn’t believe his communication with AE was wrong
15 because he had resigned his position with WLA on December 24, 2021. Parker
16 told the LCSO that AE had told him that she wanted to date him, but he did not
17 reciprocate her feelings. Parker reported that he had no plans of contacting
18 student AE ever again and has since blocked her on all social media platforms.

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20 4. Parker interviewed with TSPC Investigative staff on August 11, 2022. During the
21 interview Parker confirmed all of the information listed above. TSPC investigative
22 staff asked if Parker could provide copies of the conversations he had with AE on
23 social media, and evidence that he had blocked her. Parker stated that he could
24 not and were unsure of where the conversations had gone. Parker reported that
25 he had discovered a duplicate Facebook account that was in his name, which he
26 believe could have contributed to this matter. Parker reported that being accused
27 of being romantically involved with a student was very frustrating for him
28 because it he believed that to be a “heinous” act to commit against a child. Parker
29 reported that engaging in behaviors that would be considered grooming were
30 against his character and morals. Parker reported that the allegations AE made
31 are all false and stated that he did not intend to return to the teaching profession
32 or work in schools ever again. TSPC staff asked about Parker’s resignation from
33 the WLA, and he stated that he had resigned because he had been working two

1 jobs and it was too much. Parker reported that he had resigned for his own
2 personal well-being.

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5 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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8 Jesse A. Parker

2-28-2023

Date

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11 Trent Dandowski, Deputy Director
12 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

3/16/2023

Date

13 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

14 *The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS*
15 *342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-*
16 *0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations); OAR 584-020-*
17 *0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (Refrain from exploiting*
18 *professional relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons*
19 *or issues), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (Not demonstrating or expressing professionally*
20 *inappropriate interest in a student's personal life), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D)*
21 *(Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at*
22 *all times).*

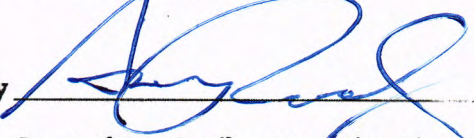
23 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
24 ORS 342.175.

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26 **ORDER**

27 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
28 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand.

29 Issued and dated this 7 day of April 2023.

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

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33 By 
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Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director