



1 been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has  
2 consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully  
3 advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an  
4 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of  
5 the Stipulated Final Order below.

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7 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

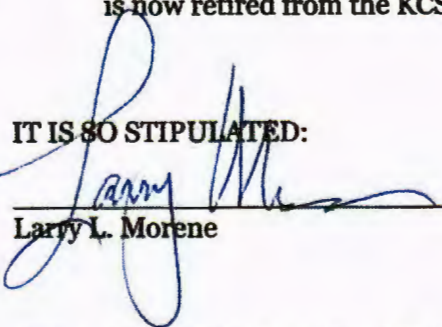
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9 1. The Commission has licensed Morene since August 10, 1992. Morene holds a  
10 Professional Teaching License with an endorsement in Health (PK-12), and  
11 Physical Education (PK-12) valid from December 3, 2020 through January 9,  
12 2026. During all relevant times, Morene was employed by the Klamath County  
13 School District (KCSD).  
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- 15 2. On March 12, 2022, the Commission received a School District Misconduct  
16 Report from the Greg Thede, Superintendent of the KCSD. The report indicated  
17 Morene may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty and / or  
18 gross unfitness. The report alleged that Morene used his KCSD procurement card  
19 (credit card) to purchase alcohol while on a wrestling trip for Henley High School  
20 (HHS) while he was working in the capacity of an assistant wrestling coach and  
21 trip chaperone.  
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- 23 3. Investigation by the KCSD and TSPC substantiated the following:  
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- 25 • Morene is employed as a teacher at Bonanza High School (BHS) as a teacher  
26 and work as an Assistant Coach for the HHS wrestling team. Both schools are  
27 in the KCSD.
  - 28 • On February 22-25, 2023, Morene attended the State of Oregon high school  
29 wrestling tournament with his HHS team in Portland, Oregon.
  - 30 • During the tournament, Morene and the team stayed at the Marriott  
31 Courtyard Portland Downtown/Convention Center Hotel. There was a  
32 significant snowstorm that created doubt about whether the tournament  
33 would be held, and that prevented anyone from leaving the hotel.

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- On the evening of February 22, 2023, coaches gathered for dinner at the on-site restaurant. No students were present. Morene purchased a beer with dinner for himself and a colleague. That purchase was charged to his room, which was a violation of the KCSD policy.
- When interviewed by the District Morene admitted that he had charged the drinks to his room accidentally and reimbursed the District for the cost.
- The KCSD found Morene in violation of the district's Drug Free Workplace Policy which requires no use of drugs or alcohol including while on a school sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event. Morene had previously been disciplined in 2011 for consuming alcohol at the end of a wrestling meet.
- On August 4, 2023, , the KCSD issued him a letter of reprimand for this matter and placed him on unpaid leave for 2 days. Additionally, Morene was barred from coaching in the KCSD and was not allowed to chaperone any overnight KCSD school trips.

4. On December 21, 2023, Morene participated in a TSPC investigative interview. The interview was via video conference and was conducted in the presence of Morene's attorney, Margaret Olney. During the interview, Morene admitted to purchasing the beer and acknowledged that doing so was a violation of policy and TSPC rules. Morene reported that it was an inadvertent mistake – he dinner felt like a gathering of adult friends stuck in a snowstorm having a beer with dinner. He reported that he was not intoxicated, no students were present and that another adult was responsible for supervising the athletes. Morene expressed remorse for the conduct and was clear that he should have known better. Morene is now retired from the KCSD.

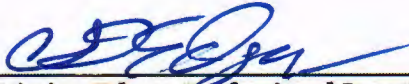
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Cristina Edgar, Professional Practices Director  
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**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

*The conduct described in sections two (2) and (3) 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), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations), and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(g) (Appearing on duty or at any district-sponsored activity while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance).*

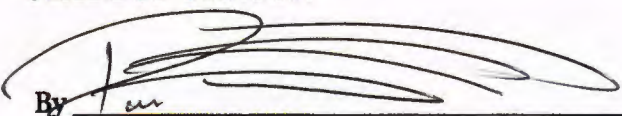
The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

**ORDER**

The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a suspension of Morene's Oregon educator license for a period of thirty (30) days and a two (2) year period of probation upon reinstatement.

Issued and dated this 18 day of October, 2024.

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

By 

~~Melissa Goff, Interim Executive Director~~  
Rae Elte Newman, TSPC Chair