1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 3 In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND 4 **Educator License of**) FINAL ORDER OF PUBLIC 5 **CURTIS E. DUNHAM**) **REPRIMAND** 6 7 On June 28, 2017, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 8 (Commission) received a report from the Ridgeline Montessori Public Charter School 9 (RMPCS), alleging professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Curtis E. 10 Dunham (Dunham). 11 After review of the matters alleged, Dunham and the Commission agree that their 12 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to 13 certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand. 14 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the 15 sanction to be imposed. Dunham stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in 16 the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law 17 set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Dunham waives the right to a hearing 18 to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below. 19 By signing below, Dunham acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to 20 the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest 21 the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally 22 waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of 23 Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this 24 Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon 25 request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and 26 subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not 27 approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Dunham nor the 28 Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and 29 Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or 30 duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of 31 the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has

been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has

consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully

advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an

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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	
4	1. The Commission has licensed Dunham since April 18, 1978. Dunham's	
5	Professional School Counselor License, with an endorsement in School Counselo	or
6	(PK-12), is valid from July 14, 2017, through August 14, 2022. During all relevan	at
7	times, Dunham was employed by the Ridgeline Montessori Public Charter	
8	School.	
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10	2. On June 28, 2017, the Commission learned from the Ridgeline Montessori Publ	ic
11	Charter School (RMPCS) that Dunham had been working as a part-time school	
12	counselor for RMPCS since August 14, 2011, with an expired license.	
13	Investigation determined that this gap in proper and required licensure was an	
14	errant understanding of the licensure requirements by Dunham and the RMPCS	3.
15	Dunham explained that he was told, in his written contract, and by school	
16	administrators, the requirement for employment at RMPCS as school counselor	•
17	was a Masters Degree in Counseling or its equivalency. There was no requireme	
18	written in Dunham's contract stating a need for TSPC licensing. Errant contract	S
19	do not supersede the legal requirements for proper licensure as detailed in	
20	Oregon Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes. This resulted in	
21	Dunham providing school councilor services for a period of approximately six (6	5)
22	years without a valid, required license.	
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24	IT IS SO STIPULATED:	
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27	Curtis E. Dunham Date	_
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30	Trent Danowski, Deputy Director Date	_
31	Teacher Standards and Practices Commission	
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1	CONCLUSION OF LAW
2	The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
3	342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use
4	professional judgment); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(r) (Working without a license); and
5	OAR 584-050-0035 (1) (Any person employed in a position in a school district,
6	education service district, or charter school for which a license or registration is
7	required pursuant to ORS Chapter 342, must hold a valid license or registration
8	appropriate for the assignment while working as a public school, education service
9	district or charter school employee).
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11	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
12	ORS 342.175.
13	ORDER
14	The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
15	conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Curtis E.
16	Dunham's Oregon educator license.
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19	Issued and dated this <u>20</u> day of June, 2018.
20	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
21	STATE OF OREGON
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23	By
24	Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director