

1 Commission are bound by these Stipulations and Mr. Meza retains all rights to a
2 hearing on the allegations.

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

4 1. On or about July 31, 2002, the Commission received an application for an
5 Initial Teaching License from Jorge Antonio Meza.

6 2. On May 16, 1996, Mr. Meza was convicted for Possession of a Controlled
7 Substance in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah. The
8 Court granted misdemeanor treatment. Mr. Meza completed an 18-month probation
9 early.

10 3. On August 23, 2000, Mr. Meza was convicted for Felon in Possession of a
11 Weapon in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah. The
12 Court sentenced Mr. Meza to 48 months probation. Mr. Meza is eligible for early
13 termination of probation.

14 4. Mr. Meza accepts responsibility for his behavior and acknowledges his
15 behavior was inappropriate.

16 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

17 Jorge Antonio Meza 8/26/02
18 Jorge Antonio Meza Date

19 Victoria Chamberlain 8-26-02
20 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director Date
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22 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

23 Jorge Antonio Meza's criminal convictions for Possession of a Controlled
24 Substance, ORS 475.992; and Felon in Possession of a Weapon, ORS 166.270,
constitute Gross Unfitness as defined in OAR 580-020-0040(5)(c). Conviction of a

1 crime may be used as evidence to establish an applicant's lack of fitness to serve as a
2 educator pursuant to ORS 342.143.

3 **ORDER**

4 The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts and authorizes the
5 issuance of an Initial Teaching License to Jorge Antonio Meza subject to all standard
6 terms and conditions.

7 Furthermore, the Commission imposes a one (1) year probation to commence on
8 August 26, 2002, subject to the following special terms:

- 9 1. Mr. Meza shall conduct himself as a law-abiding citizen;
- 10 2. Mr. Meza shall report in writing within ten days to the Executive Director of the
11 Commission any arrest or citation for any felony, misdemeanor, major traffic
12 violation;
- 13 3. Mr. Meza shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical
14 Performance of Oregon Educators under OAR 584, Division 20.

15 Violation of any of the terms of probation shall constitute an independent basis
16 for the Commission to revoke Mr. Meza's teaching license or otherwise impose
17 discipline, after first providing Mr. Meza with notice and opportunity for hearing.

18 Dated this 11 day of October 2002.

19 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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21 By: *Victoria Chamberlain*
22 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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