

1 thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this
2 Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.

3 STIPULATION OF FACTS

- 4 1. The Commission has licensed Mr. Lopez since March 23, 2006. Mr. Lopez currently
5 holds an Initial I Teaching License that expires on November 30, 2010.
- 6 2. On March 3, 2006, Mr. Lopez signed a stipulated agreement with the Commission that
7 imposed a public reprimand and 4-years probation. The terms of the agreement
8 required Mr. Lopez to report in writing within ten days to the Executive Director of the
9 Commission any arrest or citation for any felony, misdemeanor, major traffic violation or
10 violation of criminal probation. On or about March 23, 2006, the Commission issued Mr.
11 Lopez a Transitional Teaching License subject to the terms of this stipulated agreement.
- 12 3. On October 13, 2008, Mr. Lopez was cited for possession of less than one ounce of
13 marijuana.
- 14 4. Mr. Lopez did not report this citation to the Commission.
- 15 5. On October 15, 2008, during a meeting with Sherman County School District
16 Administrators, Mr. Lopez offered three different stories regarding how the marijuana
17 came into his possession. Although police witnessed Mr. Lopez ingesting marijuana and
18 found marijuana on his shirt during a traffic stop, Mr. Lopez denied ingesting the
19 marijuana and suggested the leafy substance was lettuce.
- 20 6. On February 10, 2008, during an investigative interview with the Commission, Mr. Lopez
21 stated that he found the marijuana and intended to take the drugs to the police station
22 when he was pulled over and cited for possession of marijuana. Mr. Lopez denied
23 consuming the marijuana in any form. However, police on scene observed evidence
24 that Mr. Lopez ate marijuana and evidence that Mr. Lopez smoked marijuana.

1 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

2 Abe Lopez
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4 Abe C. Lopez

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Date

5 Victoria Chamberlain
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7 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
8 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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Date

9 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

- 10 1. Mr. Lopez's conduct described in paragraph 3 constitutes gross neglect of duty in
- 11 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR
- 12 584-020-0035(3)(a) (Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying
- 13 the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty).
- 14 2. Mr. Lopez's conduct described in paragraph 4 constitutes gross neglect of duty in
- 15 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(k) (Knowing violation of any
- 16 order or rule of the Commission).
- 17 3. Mr. Lopez's conduct described in paragraph 5 constitutes gross neglect of duty in
- 18 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Knowing falsification of
- 19 any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure,
- 20 employment, or professional duties).
- 21 4. Mr. Lopez's conduct described in paragraph 6 constitutes gross neglect of duty in
- 22 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Knowing falsification of
- 23 any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure,
- 24 employment, or professional duties).

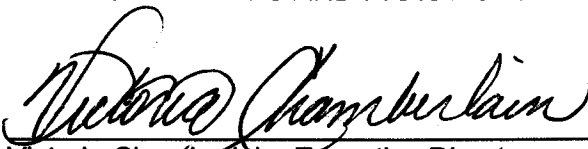
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ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Initial I Teaching License of Abe C. Lopez is suspended for six months from the date of this order.

Issued and dated this 5th day of November, 2010

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director