




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**

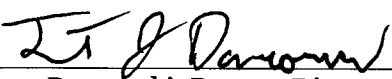
4 1. The Commission has licensed Dunham since April 18, 1978. Dunham's  
5 Professional School Counselor License, with an endorsement in School Counselor  
6 (PK-12), is valid from July 14, 2017, through August 14, 2022. During all relevant  
7 times, Dunham was employed by the Ridgeline Montessori Public Charter  
8 School.

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10 2. On June 28, 2017, the Commission learned from the Ridgeline Montessori Public  
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.  
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 requirement  
18 written in Dunham's contract stating a need for TSPC licensing. Errant contracts  
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)  
22 years without a valid, required license.

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24 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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27 Curtis E. Dunham

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30 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director  
31 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

The conduct described 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 584-020-0040(4)(r) (*Working without a license*); and OAR 584-050-0035 (1) (*Any person employed in a position in a school district, education service district, or charter school for which a license or registration is required pursuant to ORS Chapter 342, must hold a valid license or registration appropriate for the assignment while working as a public school, education service district or charter school employee*).

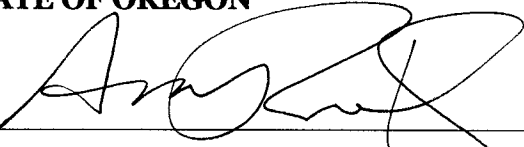
The Commission’s authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

**ORDER**

The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Curtis E. Dunham’s Oregon educator license.

Issued and dated this 20 day of June, 2018.

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

By  \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director