

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON

3 In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS
4 Teaching License of) AND
5 AUSTIN BRENT BARTON) ORDER OF REPRIMAND

6 On or about July 14, 2005 the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
7 (Commission) received a report from the Vale School District that Austin Brent Barton (Barton)
8 engaged in unprofessional conduct.

9 Mr. Barton fully cooperated with the Commission's investigation. After review of the
10 matters alleged, Mr. Barton and the Executive Director agree that their respective interests,
11 together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and a public
12 reprimand.

13 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to
14 be imposed. Mr. Barton stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's
15 files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusion of law set forth below. In
16 entering into this stipulation, Mr. Barton waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of
17 fact, conclusion of law and order set forth below.

18 This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the
19 Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Mr. Barton nor the
20 Commission are bound by these Stipulations, and Mr. Barton retains all rights to a hearing on
21 the allegations.

22 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

23 1. Mr. Barton currently holds a Standard Administrative License with a Standard
24 Administrator endorsement, issued June 6, 2005, which expires June 5, 2010.

25 2. On July 14, 2005, the Commission received a report from the Superintendent of the
26 Vale School District indicating that Mr. Barton was involved in a relationship with a subordinate
27 during school time.

1 3. Mr. Barton admitted to engaging in sexual relations with his subordinate during his
2 assigned work hours. Mr. Barton resigned from the Vale School District in June of 2005.

3 4. There is no evidence to suggest that students were aware of, or were impacted by
4 this conduct.

5 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

6 Austin Brent Barton
7 Austin Brent Barton

10-5-07
Date

8 Victoria Chamberlain
9 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
10 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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9-18-07
Date

12 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

13 Austin Brent Barton used his employment time for personal purposes. This misconduct
14 constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation OAR 584-020-0040(4)(b). The Commission's
15 authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

16 **ORDER**

17 The Commission hereby adopts the above findings of fact and imposes a Public
18 Reprimand upon the Licensure of Austin Brent Barton. This Order shall serve as the Public
19 Reprimand.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED this 5th day of November, 2007.

21 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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23 By: Victoria Chamberlain
24 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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