

1 STATE OF OREGON

2 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

3 In the Matter of the )  
Teaching License of ) STIPULATION AND ORDER  
4 WILLIAM ELLIS WHITE, ) OF SUSPENSION  
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6 On May 20, 1998 the Teacher Standards and Practices  
7 Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for  
8 Hearing to William Ellis White. Thereafter Mr. White requested a  
9 hearing through his attorney, Henry Kaplan. The Commission and  
10 Mr. White have now reviewed the issues connected with this  
11 proceeding and have determined that their respective interests  
12 are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and a  
13 suspension of Mr. White's Oregon teaching license. Mr. White  
14 understands in entering into this stipulation that he waives his  
15 right to a hearing and that the Commission will suspend his  
16 teaching license for a period of nine months.

17 STIPULATED FACTS

18 Mr. White and the Commission stipulate as follows:

19 1. Mr. White holds a standard Oregon teaching license with  
20 subject matter endorsements in Physical Education and  
21 Mathematics.

22 2. Mr. White was employed as a teacher with the Beaverton  
23 School District from 1980 until his resignation from the district  
24 effective on December 19, 1997.

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1           3.    On February 1, 1992, the Commission placed Mr. White on  
2 probation for a period of two years based on the following:  
3 convictions for driving under the influence of intoxicants in  
4 1988, 1990 and 1991; incorrectly answering questions regarding  
5 major traffic convictions on his application for a teaching  
6 certificate; appearing under the influence of intoxicants at a  
7 district-sponsored football game.

8           4.    On June 16, 1993, Mr. White was convicted in Washington  
9 County District Court of driving while suspended based on an  
10 incident that occurred on April 10, 1993.

11           5.    On January 22, 1998 Mr. White was convicted in  
12 Washington County District Court of driving under the influence  
13 of intoxicants based on an incident that occurred on March 28,  
14 1996.

15           6.    On May 27, 1997, Mr. White was convicted in Linn County  
16 District Court of driving while suspended based on an incident  
17 that occurred on January 22, 1997.

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1 7. Mr. White made a false statement on his application for  
2 licensure dated June 7, 1994, when he failed to report that he  
3 had been arrested or cited for driving while suspended, and the  
4 matter was still pending in court at the time of his application.

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6 William Ellis White  
7 William Ellis White

9-30-98  
Date

8 David V. Myton  
9 David V. Myton, Executive Director  
10 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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11 ULTIMATE FINDING OF FACTS

12 Since the Commission placed Mr. White on probation in 1992  
13 for alcohol-related offenses, he has been convicted of three  
14 major traffic offenses, including one conviction for driving  
15 under the influence of intoxicants.

16 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17 The above conduct constitutes gross unfitness in violation  
18 of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) and gross neglect of duty in violation  
19 of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c).

20 DISCUSSION

21 The Commission finds a pattern of alcohol-related misconduct  
22 that continued after the Commission last imposed a disciplinary  
23 sanction in 1992. Because of this pattern of conduct, the  
24 Commission imposes a substantial sanction consisting of a  
25 suspension of Mr. White's license for a period of nine months.

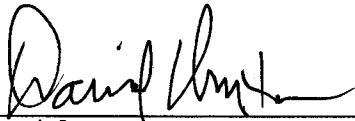
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1 In imposing this sanction, the Commission takes into account the  
2 absence of evidence that Mr. White's consumption of alcohol had a  
3 direct effect on his teaching responsibilities.

4 ORDER

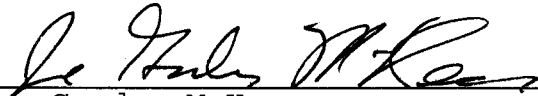
5 The teaching license of William Ellis White shall be  
6 suspended for a period of nine months commencing with the date of  
7 this order.

8 DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 1998.

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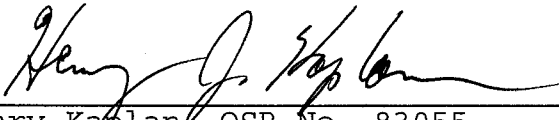
10 David V. Myton, Executive Director Date 11/24/98  
11 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 Joe Gordon McKeever  
15 Of Attorneys for TSPC

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17 Henry Kaplan, OSB No. 83055  
18 Of Attorneys for William Ellis White

Oct. 2, 1998  
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