IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

In the matter of the certificate of:

Case No. 22216

William T. Angell,

STIPULATION

Respondent

BACKGROUND

The Professional Standards Commission received an allegation of unethical conduct concerning William T. Angell. Following an investigation, the Executive Committee of the Professional Standards Commission reviewed the information before it and determined that probable cause exists for initiating an administrative action against William T. Angell's certificate. The Executive Committee has recommended the following Stipulation.

STIPULATION

- 1. This is an agreement (Stipulation) between William T. Angell (Mr. Angell) and the Executive Committee (the Executive Committee) of the Professional Standards Commission (the Commission).
- 2. If Mr. Angell wishes to agree to this Stipulation, he must sign and return this stipulation and any attachments to the Commission by 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) on October 14, 2022, unless he has been granted an extension.
- 3. After Mr. Angell and the Executive Committee agree to and sign this Stipulation, the Stipulation must be approved by the Commission, and the Commission must enter the attached consent order, before this Stipulation resolves the matter.
 - 4. A signed copy of this Stipulation may be submitted via mail or fax to:

Professional Standards Commission

650 W. State St. 2nd Floor

P.O. Box 83720

Boise, ID 83720-0027

Fax: (208) 334-2228 (Attn: Professional Standards Commission)

A. STIPULATED FACTS AND LAW

5. The Commission regulates educator certification in Idaho.

6. Mr. Angell holds the following certificate and endorsement issued under the

authority of the Idaho State Board of Education:

a. Standard Instructional Certificate with All Subjects (K-8) endorsement,

effective September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2023.

7. Mr. Angell was employed as a Junior High P.E. & Health teacher for the Fremont

County Joint School District #215 during the 2021-2022 school year.

8. On March 16, 2022, Mr. Angell was in the gym foyer waiting with students for the

bell to ring and having a discussion with a group of male students.

9. While waiting for the bell, several students walked up to the doorframe and touched

the top of the doorframe with one hand.

10. Another student, who was involved in the discussion with Mr. Angell, turned from

the group and walked up to the door frame, where he then jumped and touched the top of the

doorframe with two hands.

11. Mr. Angell then placed his right hand around the student's neck and held it there

for several seconds.

12. The student reached up to touch Mr. Angell's hand on his neck and attempted to

pull away from the contact. Upon release by Angellhe left for a class.

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- 13. Mr. Angell was subsequently approached by another student who informed him that the prior student was uncomfortable and/or a bit surprised by the physical contact.
- 14. Mr. Angell apologized to the student he had contact with and has since taken corrective actions by completing the Love and Logic Course offered at his school, as well as by satisfying the terms and conditions implemented by the School District during a period of probation beginning April 12, 2022 and ending May 30, 2022.
- 15. The Executive Committee determined that probable cause exists for initiating an administrative action against Mr. Angell for violating the following laws and rules governing educator certification:
 - a. Mr. Angell's conduct or course of conduct willfully violated a principle of the code of ethics that was adopted by the Idaho State Board of education. Idaho Code § 33-1208(1)(j)("Willful violation of any professional code or standard of ethics or conduct, adopted by the state board of education."). Specifically, Mr. Angell violated Code of Ethics Principle II Idaho Admin Code r. 08.02.02.076.03)("A professional educator maintains a professional relationship with all students, both inside and outside the classroom.").
- 16. Mr. Angell admits that he violated the laws and rules cited in paragraph 15 and acknowledges that there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of a violation of the laws and rules cited in paragraph 15.

B. STIPULATED DISCIPLINE

17. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, the following discipline will be imposed by the Commission on Mr. Angell's certificate:

- a. Due to Mr. Angell's remedial actions and compliance with the District's probation, a letter of reprimand will be issued and placed in Mr. Angell's certification file, as well as a confirmatory letter from the School District confirming and documenting his compliance and completion of all terms and conditions associated with his probation.
- 18. Any costs associated with Mr. Angell's compliance with the terms of this Stipulation are his responsibility.
- 19. During the pendency of this Stipulation Mr. Angell will comply with all laws and rules governing educator certification in Idaho.

C. PRESENTATION OF THIS STIPULATION

- 20. Once Mr. Angell signs this Stipulation and timely returns it to the Commission, and the Executive Committee signs this Stipulation, the Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Commission will present this Stipulation to the Commission at the Commission's next business meeting.
 - 21. The Commission may accept, reject, or modify the Stipulation.
- 22. If the Commission modifies this Stipulation, it must receive Mr. Angell's approval on any modification before the Stipulation is effective.

D. WAIVER OF RIGHTS

- 23. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, Mr. Angell knowingly: intelligently, and voluntarily waives the following rights:
 - a. the right to a hearing;
 - b. the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses;
 - c. the right to present evidence or to call witnesses, or to testify at a hearing;

- 24. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, the Commission may impose discipline upon Mr. Angell's certificate without further process.
- 25. By signing this Stipulation, Mr. Angell agrees to waive any requirement for a hearing under Idaho Code§ 33-1209(3) to be conducted within 90 days of a request for a hearing. This waiver applies to any hearing request made before the Commission ultimately rejects this Stipulation (if it does) or before Mr. Angell ultimately rejects a modified stipulation (if Mr. Angell does). If the Commission ultimately rejects this Stipulation or if Mr. Angell ultimately rejects a modified stipulation, and Mr. Angell has requested a hearing, the 90-day hearing timeframe will begin from the ultimate rejection.

E. GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 26. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, and Mr. Angell is not relying on any other agreement or representation, whether verbal or written.
- 27. This Stipulation, if approved by the Commission, or modified and approved, resolves a contested case. If approved, the Stipulation, consent order, and any attachment are public records. And if approved, the Commission may make available through its or the State Department of Education's website a copy of the Stipulation, consent order, and any attachment: and may report any discipline to the national clearinghouse for teacher certification.
- 28. Mr. Angell agrees that he has read this Stipulation, has had the opportunity to discuss it with legal counsel, if he so chose, and understands that by signing below, he will be agreeing to the terms of this Stipulation.

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SIGNATURES

Respondent

The Respondent, William T. Angell, agrees to this Stipulation.

DATED this 13 day of October, 2022.

William T. Angell

Respondent

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee recommends that the Commission enter an Order based upon this Stipulation.

DATED this 1 day of December, 2022

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chanel Harming, Member

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Case No. 22216
CONSENT ORDER

The Professional Standards Commission orders that the Stipulation, entered between William T. Angell and the Executive Committee, is adopted as the informal disposition of this case, as permitted under Idaho Code § 67-5241. It will be effective on the 1st day of December, 2022. The discipline listed in the Stipulation is imposed on William T. Angell's certificate under Idaho Code §§ 33-1208 and 33-1209. This is a final agency order, and William T. Angell has waived the right of judicial review.

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Karen Pyron, Member

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8^{th} day of December, 2022, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

William T. Angell, Respondent C/O Shane Reichert Idaho Education Association PO Box 2638 Boise, ID 83702	 U.S. Mail Hand Delivery Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested Overnight Mail Facsimile: Email: sreichert@idahoea.org
Attorney for the Chief Certification Officer Robert A. Berry Deputy Attorney General P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0010	☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Hand Delivery ☐ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested ☐ Overnight Mail ☐ Facsimile: (208) 854-8073 ☐ Email: robert.berry@ag.idaho.gov leslie.gottsch@ag.idaho.gov
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RE: William T. Angell

Professional Standards Commission Case No. 22116

LETTER OF REPRIMAND

The Professional Standards Commission issues a formal reprimand to William T. Angell.

The Executive Committee found that probable cause existed to warrant the filing of an administrative complaint against William T. Angell's certificate by the Chief Certification Officer. Mr. Angell entered into stipulated discipline. The full Professional Standards Commission considered the case and adopted the discipline recommended by the Executive Committee, which was incorporated into the stipulated discipline. Accordingly, a letter of reprimand is now issued based upon Mr. Angell impermissibly using physical force on a student, a violation of Code of Ethics Principle II. The Chief Certification Officer is directed to issue and place this letter of reprimand in Mr. Angell's certification file.

Dated this 1th day of December, 2022.

IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Bethani Studebaker, Chief Certification Officer

c: Robert A. Berry, Attorney for the Chief Certification Officer