

## **IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION**

In the matter of the certificates of:

Adrien Z. Coronado,

Respondent

Case No. 22225

### **STIPULATION**

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Professional Standards Commission received an allegation of unethical conduct concerning Adrien Z. Coronado. 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 Adrien Z. Coronado's certificates. The Executive Committee has recommended the following Stipulation.

#### **STIPULATION**

1. This is an agreement (Stipulation) between Adrien Z. Coronado (Mr. Coronado) and the Executive Committee (the Executive Committee) of the Professional Standards Commission (the Commission).
2. If Mr. Coronado 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 December 23, 2022, unless he has been granted an extension.
3. After Mr. Coronado 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 email, mail or fax to:

Professional Standards Commission

650 W. State St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0027  
Fax: (208) 334-2228 (Attn: Professional Standards Commission)  
Email: ASchwab@sde.idaho.gov

**A. STIPULATED FACTS AND LAW**

5. The Commission regulates educator certification in Idaho.
6. Mr. Coronado held and holds the following certificates and endorsements issued under the authority of the Idaho State Board of Education:
  - a. Degree Based Career Technical Certificate with CTE-Business Technology Education (6-12) endorsement effective September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2027;
  - b. Standard Instructional Certificate with Economics (6-12) and World Language-Spanish (6-12) endorsements, effective September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2027;
  - c. Degree Based Career Technical Certificate with CTE-Business Technology Education (6-12) endorsement effective September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2022;
  - d. Standard Instructional Certificate with Economics (6-12) and World Language-Spanish (6-12) endorsements, effective September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2022.
7. Mr. Coronado was employed as a teacher at Timberline High School in the Boise School District during the 2021-2022 school year.

8. A letter of reprimand had been issued to Mr. Coronado by the Boise School District in November of 2021 for making politically motivated, offensive and inappropriate comments during class time, that were not part of the curriculum for the course.

9. Mr. Coronado had also been using “pet” nicknames for students, several of which related to their ethnicity or physical characteristics.

10. Examples of such nicknames included calling one student “Chromedome” and other students with braids or dreadlocks as “Kris Kross”.

11. On another occasion, during lunch duty, Mr. Coronado was alleged to have joked about their food, mimicked the Chinese language, and talked about their culture, causing the students to feel offended and alienated.

12. Mr. Coronado denies that he made such statements, and said that the discussion, instead, concerned Indian food.

13. In addition, Mr. Coronado was reported to speak about “Pelosi’s wall” and to make derogatory comments about President Biden.

14. In response to the reprimand, Mr. Coronado wrote that nicknames would no longer be used and that he would not use current events that had strong emotional ties to a particular belief system in his classroom.

15. In March of 2022, shortly before spring break, a student was wearing a shirt that said “black lives matter” and had images of fists.

16. During 4<sup>th</sup> period, the student left his ceramics class and was in the hallway at the time when Mr. Coronado stopped him.

17. Mr. Coronado asked him about the shirt and the student did not want to engage in conversation; however, he responded by telling Mr. Coronado that black lives should be defended from police brutality and that he supported “black lives matter.”

18. Mr. Coronado responded by saying “all lives matter” and held up a fist and both walked away.

19. The Monday after spring break, Mr. Coronado starting his marketing class by saying that he wanted to talk about the student’s “black lives matter” shirt and all lives matter.

20. In the student’s view, Mr. Coronado’s discussion mischaracterized the student’s view of the shirt and movement on a racially charged issue, along with his prior discussion of the shirt and its meaning, causing other students to view him negatively.

21. The dialogue by Mr. Coronado caused the student to feel targeted, unsafe, and misunderstood and he left the classroom and did not return.

22. Mr. Coronado denies that the conversation on this day was intended to target the student or make the student feel uncomfortable or invalidate the student’s view; rather, it was to communicate that all students matter to him.

23. The Executive Committee determined that probable cause exists for initiating an administrative action against Mr. Coronado for violating the following laws and rules governing educator certification:

- a. Mr. Coronado’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. Coronado 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.”).

24. Mr. Coronado denies that he violated the laws and rules cited in paragraph 23 but acknowledges that there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of a violation of the laws and rules cited in paragraph 23.

#### **B. STIPULATED DISCIPLINE**

25. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, the following discipline will be imposed by the Commission on Mr. Coronado’s certificate:

- a. A letter of reprimand will be issued and placed in Mr. Coronado’s certification file.
- b. Mr. Coronado must take a boundaries course and a cultural responsiveness course before March 31, 2023, both of which may not be used for renewal purposes.
- c. Should Mr. Coronado not complete both courses by March 31, 2023, Mr. Coronado’s certificates will be suspended.

26. Any costs associated with Mr. Coronado’s compliance with the terms of this Stipulation are his responsibility.

27. During the pendency of this Stipulation Mr. Coronado will comply with all laws and rules governing educator certification in Idaho.

#### **C. PRESENTATION OF THIS STIPULATION**

28. Once Mr. Coronado 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.

29. The Commission may accept, reject, or modify the Stipulation.
30. If the Commission modifies this Stipulation, it must receive Mr. Coronado's approval on any modification before the Stipulation is effective.

#### **D. WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

31. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, Mr. Coronado 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;

32. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, the Commission may impose discipline upon Mr. Coronado's certificate without further process.

33. By signing this Stipulation, Mr. Coronado 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. Coronado ultimately rejects a modified stipulation (if Mr. Coronado does). If the Commission ultimately rejects this Stipulation or if Mr. Coronado ultimately rejects a modified stipulation, and Mr. Coronado has requested a hearing, the 90-day hearing timeframe will begin from the ultimate rejection.

#### **E. GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

34. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, and Mr. Coronado is not relying on any other agreement or representation, whether verbal or written.

35. 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.

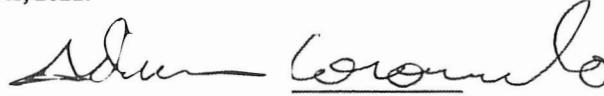
36. Mr. Coronado agrees that he has read this Stipulation, has had the opportunity to discuss it with legal counsel, if he so chose, and understands that by signing below, he will be agreeing to the terms of this Stipulation.

**SIGNATURES**

**Respondent**

The Respondent, Adrien Z. Coronado, agrees to this Stipulation.

DATED this 21 day of December, 2022.



Adrien Z. Coronado

Respondent

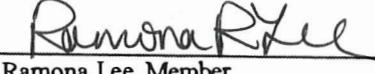
**Executive Committee**

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

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2023

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

  
Ramona R. Lee

Ramona Lee, Member

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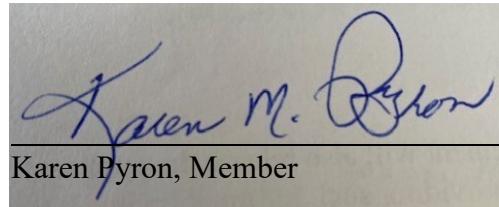
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### **CONSENT ORDER**

The Professional Standards Commission orders that the Stipulation, entered between Adrien Z. Coronado 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 3 day of February, 2023. The discipline listed in the Stipulation is imposed on Adrien Z. Coronado's certificates under Idaho Code §§ 33-1208 and 33-1209. This is a final agency order, and Adrien Z. Coronado has waived the right of judicial review.

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION



Karen M. Pyron  
Karen Pyron, Member

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Adrien Z. Coronado, Respondent  
C/O Shane Reichert  
Idaho Education Association  
PO Box 2638  
Boise, ID 83702

- U.S. Mail
- Hand Delivery
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- Overnight Mail
- Facsimile: (208) 854-8073
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RE: Adrien Z. Coronado  
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#### **LETTER OF REPRIMAND**

The Professional Standards Commission issues a formal reprimand to Adrien Z. Coronado.

The Executive Committee found that probable cause existed to warrant the filing of an administrative complaint against Adrien Z. Coronado's certificates by the Chief Certification Officer. Mr. Coronado 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. Coronado's for making politically motivated, offensive and inappropriate comments during class time that were not part of the curriculum for the course, a violation of Code of Ethics Principle II. The Chief Certification Officer is directed to issue and place this letter of reprimand in Mr. Coronado's certification file.

Dated this 7 day of February, 2023.

IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

  
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Greg Wilson, Interim Chief Certification Officer

c: Jim Rice, Attorney for the Chief Certification Officer