

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

In the matter of the certificate of:

Oscar Arteaga,

Respondent

Case No. 22421

STIPULATION

BACKGROUND

The Professional Standards Commission received an allegation of unethical conduct concerning Oscar Arteaga. 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 Oscar Arteaga's certificate. The Executive Committee has recommended the following Stipulation.

STIPULATION

1. This is an agreement (Stipulation) between Oscar Arteaga (Mr. Arteaga) and the Executive Committee (the Executive Committee) of the Professional Standards Commission (the Commission).
2. If Mr. Arteaga 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 January 31, 2025, unless he has been granted an extension.
3. After Mr. Arteaga 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. Arteaga holds the following certificate and endorsement issued under the authority of the Idaho State Board of Education:
 - a. Standard Instructional Certificate with History (6-12) endorsement, Effective September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2027.
7. Mr. Arteaga was employed by Boise School District during the 2023-2024 school year.
8. Mr. Arteaga engaged in unprofessional conduct with a colleague that exceeded the proper professional boundaries and forms between colleagues.
9. Mr. Arteaga made inappropriate physical contact with a colleague during an event with other colleagues.
10. The Executive Committee determined that probable cause exists for initiating an administrative action against Mr. Arteaga for violating the following laws and rules governing educator certification:
 - a. Mr. Arteaga'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) ("Willful violation of any professional code or standard of ethics or conduct, adopted by the state board of education."). Specifically, Mr. Arteaga violated Code of Ethics Principle X Idaho Admin Code r.

08.02.02.076.11 (“A professional educator ensures just and equitable treatment for all members of the profession in the exercise of academic freedom, professional rights and responsibilities while following generally recognized professional principles.”)

11. Mr. Arteaga admits there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of a violation of the laws and rules cited in paragraph 10.

B. STIPULATED DISCIPLINE

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

- a. A letter of reprimand be placed in Mr. Arteaga’s certification file, along with the conditions of completing an approved sexual harassment course and an approved boundaries course, which may not be used for renewal purposes, prior to the renewal of his certificate.

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

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

C. PRESENTATION OF THIS STIPULATION

15. Once Mr. Arteaga 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.

16. The Commission may accept, reject, or modify the Stipulation.

17. If the Commission modifies this Stipulation, it must receive Mr. Arteaga's approval on any modification before the Stipulation is effective.

D. WAIVER OF RIGHTS

18. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, Mr. Arteaga 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;

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

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

E. GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

22. 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.

23. Mr. Arteaga 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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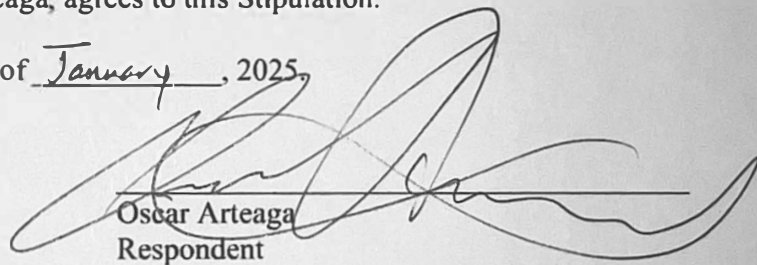
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SIGNATURES

Respondent

The Respondent, Oscar Arteaga, agrees to this Stipulation.

DATED this 21 day of January, 2025.




Oscar Arteaga
Respondent

Executive Committee

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

DATED this 5 day of March, 2025.

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Angela Gillman, Member

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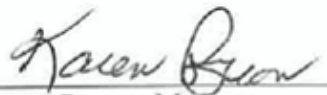
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CONSENT ORDER

The Professional Standards Commission orders that the Stipulation, entered between Oscar Arteaga 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 5 day of March, 2025. The discipline listed in the Stipulation is imposed on Oscar Arteaga's certificates under Idaho Code §§ 33-1208 and 33-1209. This is a final agency order, and Oscar Arteaga has waived the right of judicial review.

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION


KAREN PYRON, MEMBER
Idaho Professional Standards Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of February, 2025, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

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Boise, ID 83701
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Annette Schwab
Coordinator