

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

In the matter of the certificate of:

Patrick B. Goff,

Respondent

Case No. 22431

STIPULATION

BACKGROUND

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

STIPULATION

1. This is an agreement (Stipulation) between Patrick Goff (Mr. Goff) and the Executive Committee (the Executive Committee) of the Professional Standards Commission (the Commission).
2. If Mr. Goff 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. Goff 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. Goff holds the following certificates and endorsements issued under the authority of the Idaho State Board of Education:
 - a. Standard Instructional Certificate with Earth and Space Science (6-12), effective September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2027.
 - b. Administrator Certificate with School Principal (Pre-K-12) endorsement, effective September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2027.
 - c. Advanced Occupational Specialist Certificate with Network & Computer Support (6-12), Networking Support (6-12), and Computer Support (6-12) endorsements, effective September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2027.
 - d. Career-Tech Administrator with CTE Administrator endorsement, effective September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2027.
 - e. Degree Based Career Technical Certificate with CTE-Business Technology Education (6-12).
7. Mr. Goff was employed by Garden Valley School District during the 2023-2024 school year as the superintendent.
8. In the Spring of 2024, Mr. Goff sent an email to a parent, which contained confidential student personal information.

9. Mr. Goff asked the parent not to communicate who she received the information or e-mail from.

10. Mr. Goff was not fully forthcoming or transparent regarding the information or e-mail he provided. Mr. Goff appeared to be attempting to prevent the parent from disclosing that Mr. Goff provided the information or e-mail.

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

- a. Mr. Goff's conduct or course of conduct described in paragraphs 8-10 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. Goff violated Code of Ethics Principle I Idaho Admin Code r. 08.02.02.076.02) ("A professional educator abides by all federal, state and local education laws and statutes.").
- b. Mr. Goff's conduct or course of conduct described in paragraphs 8-10 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. Goff violated Code of Ethics Principle IV Idaho Admin Code r. 08.02.02.076.05) ("A professional educator exemplifies honesty and integrity in the course of professional practice.")

- c. Mr. Goff's conduct or course of conduct described in paragraphs 8-10 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. Goff violated Code of Ethics Principle VII Idaho Admin Code r. 08.02.02.076.08) ("A professional educator complies with state and federal laws and local school board policies relating to the confidentiality of student and employee records, unless disclosure is required or permitted by law.")

12. Mr. Goff does not agree with the allegations, but admits there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of a violation of the laws and rules cited in paragraph 11.

B. STIPULATED DISCIPLINE

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

- a. Issue a letter of reprimand to be placed in his certification file.

14. Any costs associated with Mr. Goff's compliance with the terms of this Stipulation are his responsibility.

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

C. PRESENTATION OF THIS STIPULATION

16. Once Mr. Goff 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.

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

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

D. WAIVER OF RIGHTS

19. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, Mr. Goff 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;

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

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

E. GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

23. 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.


24. Mr. Goff 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, Patrick B. Goff, agrees to this Stipulation.

DATED this 8th day of JANUARY, 2025.


Patrick B. Goff
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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CONSENT ORDER

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

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION


KAREN PYRON, MEMBER

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5 day of March, 2025, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Attorney for Patrick B. Goff
Chris Yorgason
6200 N. Meeker Place
Boise, ID 83713

- U.S. Mail
- Hand Delivery
- Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
- Overnight Mail
- Facsimile:
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Coordinator