

IDAHO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

In the matter of the certificate of:

Alan C. Larsen,

Respondent

Case No. 22433

STIPULATION

BACKGROUND

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

STIPULATION

1. This is an agreement (Stipulation) between Alan Larsen (Mr. Larsen) and the Executive Committee (the Executive Committee) of the Professional Standards Commission (the Commission).
2. If Mr. Larsen 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. Larsen 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. Larsen 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) and Exceptional Child Education (K-12) endorsements, effective September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2026.
7. Mr. Larsen was employed by the Lake Pend Oreille School District during the 2023-2024 school year.
8. Mr. Larsen used physical force or touch with a student that was inappropriate, excessive, or inconsistent with appropriate standards of professional conduct.
9. In one instance, Mr. Larsen placed his hands on a student's head and his finger made contact with the student's eye and/or face.
10. Mr. Larsen's use of force resulted in at least some measure of physical, mental, and/or emotional harm to a student.
11. Mr. Larsen tossed or threw objects, such as markers and snacks, to or at students.
12. Attempting to get students to stop dragging classroom tables across the rug, Mr. Larsen told students he was going to drag their faces across the floor, in a joking manner.

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

- a. Mr. Larsen'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. Larsen 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 physical and virtual classroom.").

14. Mr. Larsen 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 14.

B. STIPULATED DISCIPLINE

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

- a. That Mr. Larsen's certifications be suspended for a period of not less than two years, with the suspension period backdated to commence June 1, 2024, and conclude June 1, 2026;
- b. That Mr. Larsen's certifications be suspended until he completes the following courses, which may not be used for renewal purposes:
 - i. An approved classroom management course; and
 - ii. An approved boundaries course.

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

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

C. PRESENTATION OF THIS STIPULATION

18. Once Mr. Larsen 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.

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

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

D. WAIVER OF RIGHTS

21. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission, Mr. Larsen 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;

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

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

E. GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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

25. 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.

26. Mr. Larsen 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, Alan C. Larsen, agrees to this Stipulation.

DATED this 23 day of January, 2025.



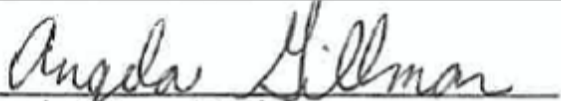
Alan C. Larsen
Respondent

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 Alan C. Larsen 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 Alan Larsen's certificates under Idaho Code §§ 33-1208 and 33-1209. This is a final agency order, and Alan Larsen 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:

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Boise, ID 83701

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Annette Schwab
Coordinator