

THE ALBERTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE
OF THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES OF UNPROFESSIONAL
CONDUCT AGAINST BRUCE DOUGLAS TAYLOR

The hearing committee of the Professional Conduct Committee of The Alberta Teachers' Association reports that charges of unprofessional conduct laid against Bruce Douglas Taylor of [REDACTED] were duly investigated in accordance with the *Teaching Profession Act*. The hearing was held in Barnett House, 11010 142 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 0900.

Professional Conduct Committee members present as the hearing committee were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] presented the case against the investigated member. The investigated member was not present and was not represented by counsel.

CONSTITUTION/JURISDICTION

There were no objections to the constitution of the committee or to its jurisdiction to hear the case.

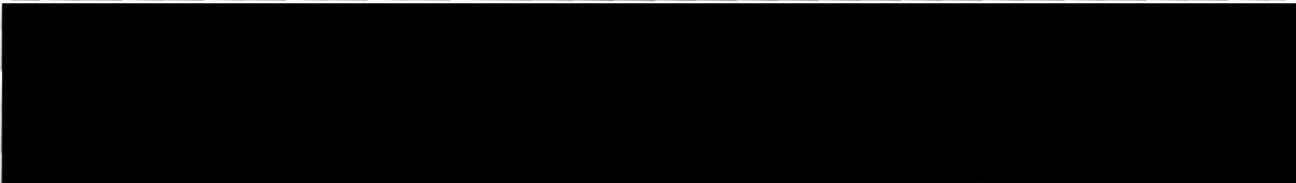
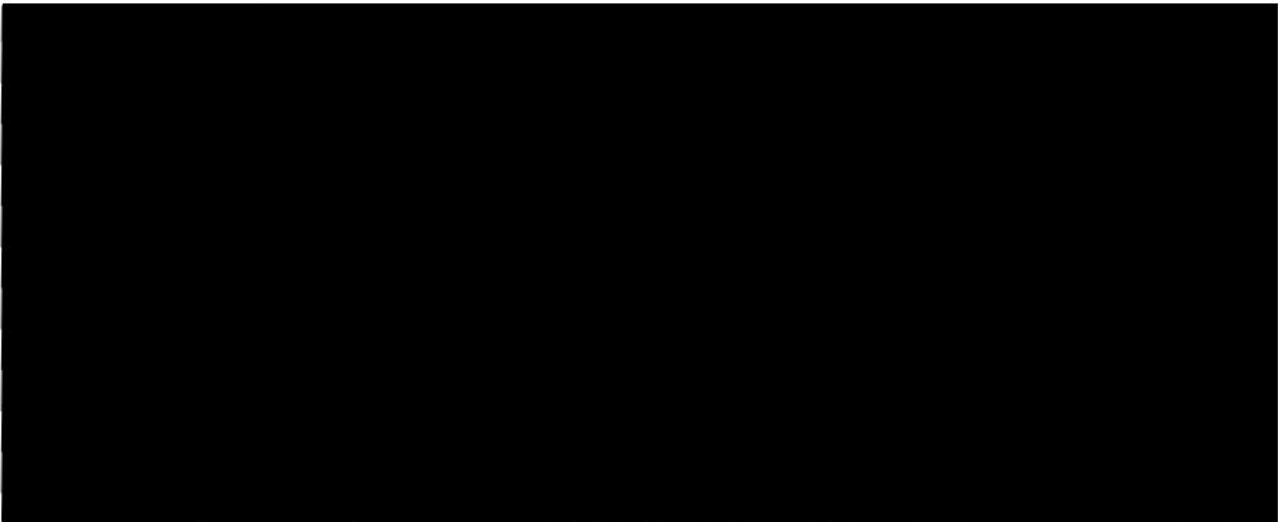
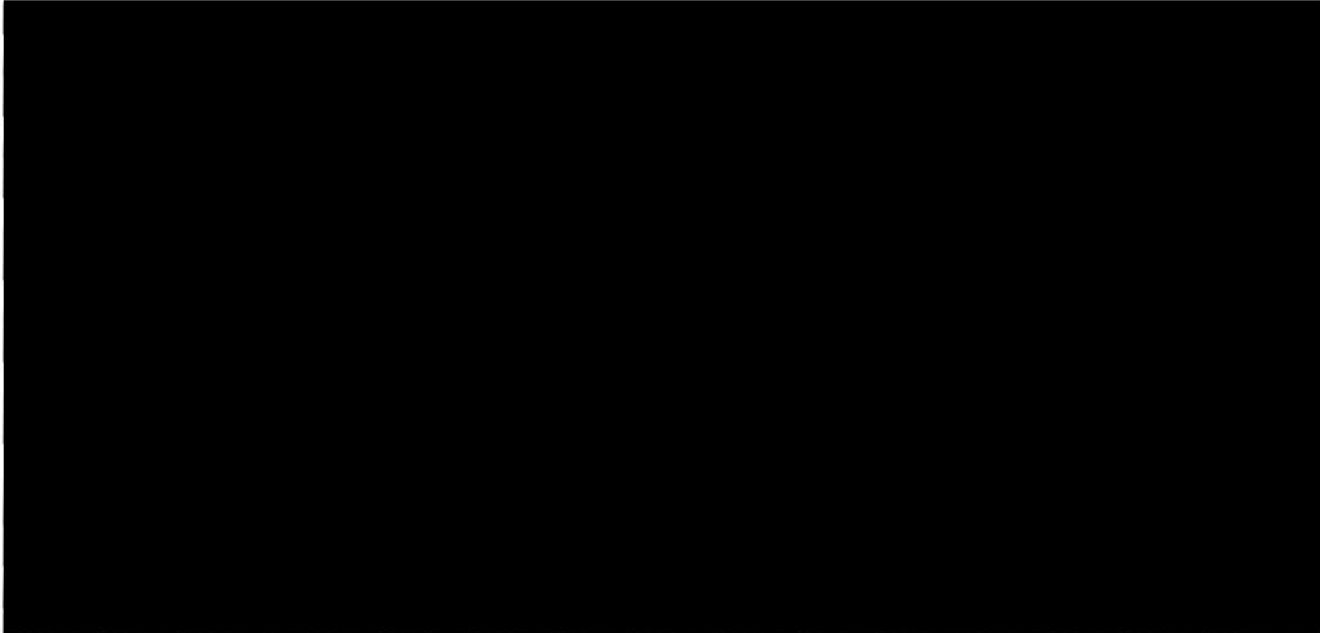
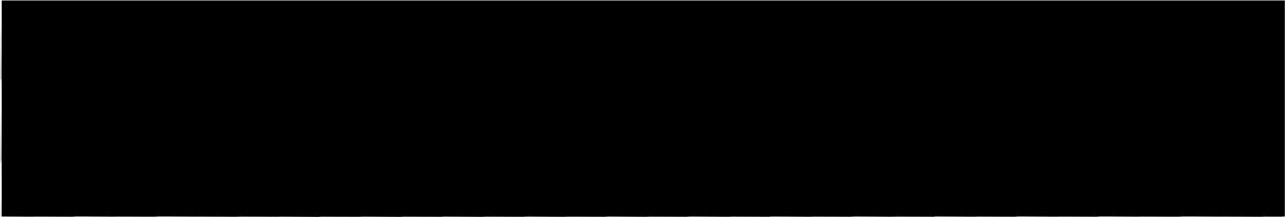
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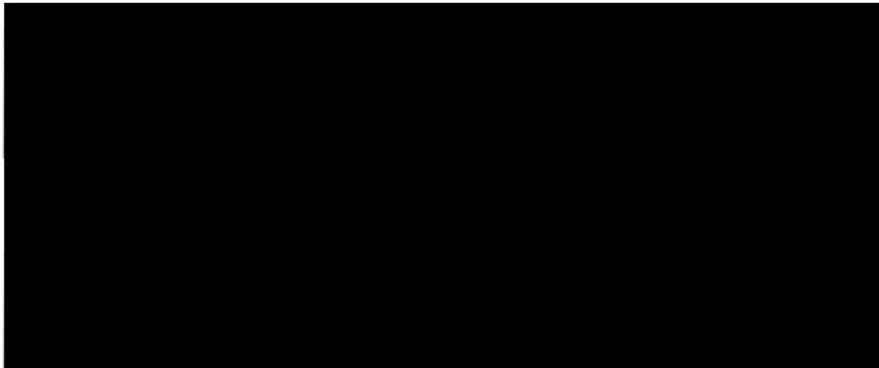
The following charges were read by the secretary to the hearing committee:

1. Bruce Douglas Taylor is charged with unprofessional conduct pursuant to the *Teaching Profession Act* in that he did, while a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association; in or near the [REDACTED]; between the months of February 1999 and June 1999; engage in a relationship of a romantic and sexual nature with a [Age and gender redacted], a student in his care at [School Redacted]; thereby failing to act in a manner which maintains the honor and dignity of the profession.
2. Bruce Douglas Taylor is charged with unprofessional conduct pursuant to the *Teaching Profession Act* in that he did, while a member of The Alberta Teachers' Association; in or near the [Location Redacted]; between the months of February 1999 and June 1999; while on a [REDACTED] trip authorized by the [School Board Redacted]; engage in a relationship of a



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6. [REDACTED], a partner of B Taylor from July 1999 to June 2000, testified as follows:
 - (a) B Taylor had admitted, in a telephone conversation with [REDACTED] to having had a sexual relationship with Student A.
 - (b) [REDACTED] believed that this relationship between B Taylor and Student A was wrong given the teacher-student relationship.
 - (c) Upon viewing a floor plan of B Taylor's house drawn by Student A, [REDACTED] stated that the details of the drawing were accurate. (Exhibit H)

DECISION OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE

The hearing committee considered the three charges before it and ruled as follows:

1. Charge 1 – Guilty
2. Charge 2 – Guilty
3. Charge 3 – Guilty

REASONS FOR DECISION

1. Charge 1 – By engaging in an inappropriate romantic and sexual relationship with a [REDACTED]-year-old student, B Taylor failed to maintain the honour and dignity of the profession. Resulting newspaper coverage that detailed the incident also brought dishonor to the profession.
2. Charge 2 – Students, while on school sponsored trips, are especially vulnerable and reliant on the integrity and judgment of their teacher supervisors. Teachers in these circumstances assume a much greater responsibility for their charges. By engaging in an inappropriate romantic and sexual relationship with a [REDACTED]-year-old student, B Taylor failed to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession.

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Dated at the City of Edmonton in the Province of Alberta, Wednesday, April 30, 2003.

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