

BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER
Educator License of)	OF REVOCATION
CHRISTOPHER BOONE)	OF LICENSURE

On July 11, 2025, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Christopher Boone (Boone) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First-Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 2307 8991 17 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Notice sent Certified Mail was returned to the Commission as “Unclaimed” on August 11, 2025. The Notice sent regular, First-Class Mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated April 25, 2025, and signed by Melissa Goff, Interim Executive Director, stated:

“IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE.”

On September 4, 2025, Boone’s attorney notified the Commission by email that Boone did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Boone to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission has licensed Christopher Boone since June 5, 2017. Boone held a Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in Social Studies (PK-12), valid from June 6, 2018, through July 27, 2021. During all relevant times, Boone was employed by the Portland School District, aka Portland Public Schools (PPS).

2. On October 4, 2018, the Commission received information from the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) which contained concerns that Boone may have committed acts of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, it was reported that Boone was under local law enforcement investigation for allegedly uploading child pornography.
3. Investigation found that on August 21, 2018, PPB received information from the Oregon Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force that on three (3) occasions on June 7, 2018, the same sexually explicit image of a female child was uploaded from an internet protocol (IP) address to an image search platform. Law enforcement identified the IP address that uploaded the image was associated with Boone's computer. On October 3, 2018, PPB executed a search warrant and several electronic devices owned by Boone were seized. These devices were made available for a forensic examination which identified numerous sexually explicit images of children. Forensic examination found Boone was in possession of child pornography and frequented internet sites and servers associated with minor-aged sexual activity.
4. Investigation found that on December 6, 2018, Boone was notified by PPS that his employment was terminated after Boone failed to complete district required training. The termination was effective November 1, 2018.
5. Investigation found that on April 9, 2025, Boone was contacted to schedule an interview with a Commission investigator. On April 29, 2025, the Commission was notified by Boone's attorney that Boone would not participate in an interview.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Christopher Boone's conduct as described in section three (3) above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*) and OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

Boone's conduct as described in section five (5) above, constitutes gross neglect of duty

in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p) (*Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or refusal by an educator under investigation to respond to request for information, to furnish documents, or to participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission investigation*).

The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Christopher Boone's Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 12 day of September, 2025.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Rachel Alpert, Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.