

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

In the Matter of the)
Educator License of)
DEBORAH PARKER)

On June 9, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Deborah Parker (Parker) in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty and/or Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7021 0350 0000 8184 3293 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 Certified Mail was returned to the Commission signed on June 23, 2022. The regular first class mail was not returned to the Commission, and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated June 9, 2022, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, 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 June 21, 2022, Parker notified the Commission by letter she was requesting a hearing. On July 5, 2022, Parker rescinded her request for a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Parker 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 Parker since September 3, 1991. Parker holds a Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in English Language Arts (PK-12); Biology (PK-12); Chemistry (PK-12); and Visual, Performing Arts (CTE) (PK-

12), valid from March 3, 2020, through April 29, 2025. During all relevant times, Parker was employed by the Bend-LaPine School District (BLSD).

2. On June 2, 2020, the Commission received a report from BLSD indicating Parker had been arrested by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office on May 29, 2020, and is alleged to have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, the report noted Parker had been arrested on multiple counts of sexual abuse alleged to have occurred during the 2010-2011 school year with a LaPine High School student.
3. Investigation determined that during the 2010-11 school year, Parker developed a professional teacher/student relationship with a seventeen (17) year-old male student. Parker had taught the student in several classes during the 2010-11 school year. This relationship initially began as school related, in-person conversations and then evolved into telephone calls and text messages. As the school year went on, the conversations and relationship became more personal in nature.
4. On November 18, 2021, the District Attorney's Office for Deschutes County filed a motion to in the Circuit Court of Deschutes County to dismiss all charges against Parker with prejudice, which was so adjudicated by the presiding judge on November 19, 2021.
5. There have been no prior reports to the Commission regarding Parker in the thirty-one (31) years she has been licensed, and there was no discipline in her BLSD personnel file.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Deborah Parker's conduct as described in paragraph 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*), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*),

OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*);
OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not
demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's
personal life*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(C) (*Reporting to the educator's supervisor if
the educator has reason to believe a student is or may be becoming romantically
attached to the educator*), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate
adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*).

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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Deborah Parker's Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 25 day of July, 2022.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, 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.