

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

In the Matter of the Educator)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
License of)	PUBLIC REPRIMAND
THOMAS C. LOFFARELLI)	

On July 30, 2025, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Loffarelli 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 8993 15 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 receipt was returned and delivery was confirmed on August 5, 2025. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated July 30, 2025 signed by Rachel Alpert, 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, 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.”

Loffarelli stopped communicating with the Commission in September of 2025. Commission staff attempted to contact Loffarelli in October of 2025 and January of 2026 via email. As of the writing of this Default Order, Loffarelli has not responded. The Commission, therefore, finds Loffarelli 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 Loffarelli since April 5, 2022. Loffarelli holds a Restricted Substitute Teaching License, with an endorsement in Substitute (PK-12) which was valid from April 5, 2022 to June 30, 2023. During all relevant times, Loffarelli was employed by the Lake Oswego School District (LOSD).

2. On February 8, 2023, the Commission received a School District Misconduct Report from the LOSD. The report alleges that Loffarelli, a substitute teacher at the LOSD engaged in inappropriate physical contact with a student. On February 15, 2023, the Commission received an Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) cross report alleging the same inappropriate physical contact with a student by Loffarelli.
3. TSPC reviewed LOSD investigative documents surrounding these incidents. According to district investigative materials (including recorded security camera footage) the following occurred on or about January 13, 2023:
 - On January 13, 2023, Loffarelli was substituting a Physical Education (PE) class at Lakeridge Middle School (LMS) in the LOSD.
 - Recorded security video shows Loffarelli approach Student A in the gym. As Loffarelli approaches, Student A passes a volleyball to him.
 - Loffarelli catches the ball and continues to approach Student A.
 - Loffarelli nudges Student A in his chest with his left shoulder in a “body checking” type of motion.
 - Loffarelli and Student A begin walking together across the LMS gym.
 - Loffarelli places his right hand on Student A’s back and gives him a shove forward (while walking) that causes Student A to stumble forward two steps.
 - Student A does not fall during the incident and sustains no injuries.
 - The LMS Assistant Principal was present during this incident and after witnessing the push, she sends Loffarelli to the school office.
 - Law enforcement was notified of the incident by LOSD administration, but no criminal charges were filed.
 - The LOSD removed Loffarelli from the district’s substitute teacher list as a result of this incident.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct described in sections two (2), and 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(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (Skill in the supervision of students); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates 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 issues a public reprimand upon Loffarelli's Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 9 day of February, 2026.

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.