

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

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
Educator License of)	REVOCATION AND REVOKE
MASON DOMINGUEZ)	RIGHT TO APPLY

On February 25, 2024, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Mason Dominguez (Dominguez) 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 0408 4721 78 to Dominguez's attorney's 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 was confirmed delivered by a signed USPS certified mail receipt on March 4, 2024. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 25, 2024, 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.”

As of the writing of this Default Order, the Commission has yet to hear from Dominguez or his attorney. The Commission, therefore, finds Dominguez 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.

FINDING OF FACT

1. The Commission has licensed Dominguez since June 14, 2022. Dominguez applied for a Preliminary Teaching License on April 1, 2023. No License was issued as the application from 2023 was incomplete. During all relevant times, Dominguez was a

student teacher at the Sherwood School District (SSD) and a student at George Fox University.

2. On April 26, 2023, the Commission received an Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) cross report alleging professional misconduct on the part of Dominguez, a student at George Fox University that was completing his student teaching practicum at Sherwood High School (SHS) at the SSD. The cross report alleged that Dominguez had communicated with multiple SHS students using Instagram, and that the communication was inappropriate and sexual in nature. The report further alleged that the communication with SHS students included inappropriate photographs of students in a partially nude state and photographs of Dominguez's erect penis. The report also alleged that Dominguez attempted to meet with SHS students outside of school hours with intentions of engaging in sexual acts with them.
3. Investigation by DHS, law enforcement and the district determined the following:
 - On or about April 20, 2023, SHS staff became aware of allegations that Dominguez was communicating with SHS students on social media. (Instagram and Snapchat)
 - Two SHS students, student A (age 15) and student B (age 16) were identified as victims.
 - Investigation confirmed that Dominguez did engage in communication with both student A and student B via social media while he was a student teacher at SHS and was 23 years old at the time.
 - Dominguez's communication with student A occurred over Instagram messages and was described by investigators as displaying the characteristics of grooming.
 - Dominguez's communication with student B occurred primarily on Instagram messages but also occurred on Snapchat.
 - Dominguez's messaging with student B typically occurred during the evening

hours and on weekends.

- Dominguez shared hundreds of messages with student B.
- The messages Dominguez shared with student B were initially described as “innocent” but quickly became sexual.
- The messages Dominguez shared with student B were inappropriate and sexual in nature and included photos and videos of his erect penis and of him masturbating.
- Dominguez asked student B to send him similar sexualized videos and photographs.
- Student B sent Dominguez partially nude photos of herself or photos of her dressed only in undergarments.
- Dominguez also asked student B via Instagram messages to meet up with him.
- In Dominguez’s messages to student B, he told her that he wanted to physically touch her and described in detail sexual acts he wanted to perform on her.
- On or about April 20, 2023, Dominguez contacted student B and told her that someone had turned him in for his communication with her and Dominguez asked student B to delete any evidence of their communication.

4. On October 16, 2023, a Washington County Circuit Court Grand Jury indicted Dominguez on criminal charges. On January 17, 2025 Dominguez was convicted of one (1) count of Using a Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct – Attempted (ORS 163.670, Class B Felony) and two (2) counts of Luring a Minor (ORS 167.057, Class C Felony.) For these convictions Dominguez was sentenced to 36 months incarceration, 24 months Post-Prison Supervision, and is required to register as a sex offender upon release from custody and have no contact with the victims.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct described above in section three (3) constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (*Any sexual conduct with a student*) as defined by OAR 584-020-0005(8) and ORS 339.370(12)(a); 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*), and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*); 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 conduct described above in section four (4) constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (*Any sexual conduct with a student*) as defined by OAR 584-020-0005(8) and ORS 339.370(12)(a). Additionally, the conduct described 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)(b) (*Refrain from exploiting professional relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal life*), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*).

Under ORS 342.175(3) and OAR 584, Division 020, the Commission will deny, revoke or deny the right to apply for a license or charter school registration to any applicant or educator who, has been convicted of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143 or listed in OAR 584-020-0040(1), or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes if convicted in another jurisdiction or convicted of attempt to commit such crimes as defined in 161.405.

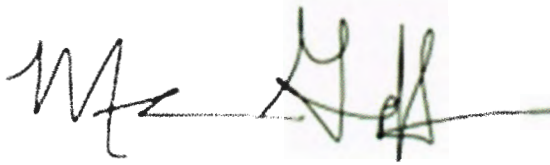
The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Dominguez's Oregon teaching license and revokes his right to apply for a license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19 day of May, 2025.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Melissa Goff, Interim 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