

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
STEVEN L. BISHOP)	

On February 24, 2025, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Steven L. Bishop (Bishop) 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 47 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 first-class mail was not returned to the Commission and was assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 24, 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, 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 this writing of this order, Bishop has not contacted TSPC. The Commission, therefore, finds Bishop 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 Bishop, since March 17, 1998. Bishop currently holds a Professional Administrator License with an endorsement for Administrator (PK-12) which was issued on September 25, 2023 and expires on March 29, 2029. During all relevant times, Bishop was employed by the Annex School District (ASD).

2. On September 27, 2024 TSPC received an internal referral which alleged possible misconduct against Bishop. The referral alleged that Bishop had been working as a Superintendent without a valid Oregon educator license since 2020.
3. An investigation into this matter by the Commission determined the following:
 - Bishop held an active Continuing Administrator License with the State of Oregon from March 30, 2015 to March 29, 2020.
 - This license expired on March 29, 2020 and was not renewed.
 - At the time the license expired, Bishop was working at the Superintendent of the ASD.
 - On April 6, 2023, Bishop submitted an application for licensure reinstatement.
 - On April 28, 2023 TSPC sent Bishop notification that his application was incomplete.
 - On July 10, 2023, TSPC sent Bishop notification that additional information was needed to process his application.
 - On August 14, 2023, TSPC sent Bishop notification that additional documentation was needed to process his application.
 - On September 25, 2023 Bishop's Oregon Administrator License was granted.
 - In total, Bishop worked as Superintendent of the ASD from March 29, 2020 to September 24, 2023, a period of three (3) years and six (6) months without a valid Oregon educator license.
 - When asked about this matter by TSPC investigative staff Bishop indicated that he was busy making sure all the staff in the district were licensed and forgot about his own.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(r) (Working without a license); and OAR

584-050-0035 (1) (Any person employed in a position in a school district, education service district, or charter school for which a license or registration is required pursuant to ORS Chapter 342, must hold a valid license or registration appropriate for the assignment while working as a public school, education service district or charter school employee).

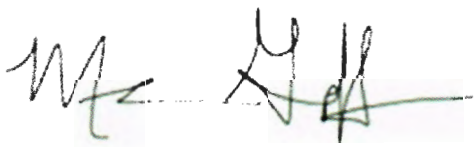
The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby issues a public reprimand upon Steven L. Bishop's Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 14 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.