

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

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER TO DENY
Educator License of)	APPLICATION AND REVOKE
JEFFREY A. CAPPE)	THE RIGHT TO APPLY

On February 13, 2026, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Jeffrey A. Cappe (Cappe) 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 2978 6276 80 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 signed and then returned to the Commission on March 6, 2026. The First-Class mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 13, 2026, and signed by Rachel Alpert, Executive Director, stated:

“IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 60-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.”

Cappe did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Cappe 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. On September 5, 2023, Cappe digitally signed and submitted an application with the Commission for a Career and Technical Education (CTE) License. Cappe’s application was placed on hold pending resolution of this matter.
2. After the Commission received Cappe’s application in September 2023, Commission staff conducted a routine background check and noted Cappe had been entered into the NASDTEC (National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education Certification) Clearinghouse, a national database of disciplined educators, for having had his (Cappe’s) Idaho teaching license revoked. Staff contacted the Idaho Department of Education and obtained a copy of the final

order Cappe signed in which he surrendered his license as a disciplinary matter. The matter was referred to the Commission's Professional Practices Division for further investigation.

3. Investigation found that while Cappe was working for the Meridian School District in Idaho, between the period of September 1, 2009, and September 1, 2012, Cappe was alleged to have sexually harassed a female student by slapping her on the buttocks twice. In August 2021, Cappe was reported to the Idaho DOE's Professional Standards Commission for investigation into the allegation. On December 13, 2011, Cappe voluntarily surrendered his teaching license and accepted a revocation or other discipline.
4. Investigation found Cappe failed to disclose information related to his professional discipline in Idaho on the character questions of his Commission application. On Cappe's application, he answered "No" to the following character questions:
 - Have you ever left any educational or school-related employment, voluntarily or involuntarily, while the subject of or within six months following an inquiry, review or investigation of alleged misconduct? Have you ever left educational or school-related employment when you had reason to believe an investigation for misconduct was underway or imminent?
 - Have you ever been investigated by an employer or any state agency for alleged physical or sexual abuse? Have you ever been placed on leave by your employer for alleged misconduct of any type?
 - Have you ever had any adverse action taken on a professional certificate, license or charter school registry by an agency other than the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission? Have you ever been placed on probationary status for alleged misconduct while holding a professional license, certificate, registration, or credential by an agency other than the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission?
 - Have you ever surrendered a professional license of any kind before its expiration date?
 - Have you ever been disciplined by any public agency responsible for licensure of any kind, including but not limited to educational licensure, other than discipline from the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission?

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Jeffrey A. Cappe's conduct, as described in section four (4) 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)(c) (Falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(a) (Revocation, suspension or denial of a license by another state for reasons and through procedures that are the same as, or substantially equivalent to, those permitting similar action in Oregon).

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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby imposes the denial of Jeffrey A. Cappe's application and Revocation on his Right to Apply for an Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 16 day of April, 2026.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Alpert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

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.