

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

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER
Educator License of)	OF REVOCATION OF LICENSURE
JEREMY S. BURGHER)	

On March 2, 2026, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Jeremy S. Burgher (Burgher) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 2978 6281 84 to the address found in the Offender Search feature on the Oregon Department of Corrections website. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The return receipt for the Notice sent Certified Mail was signed on March 6, 2026, and returned to the Commission. The regular First-Class mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated March 2, 2026, and 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.”

Burgher did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Burgher 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 Jeremy S. Burgher since July 6, 2016. Burgher holds a Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in Advanced Mathematics (PK-12), valid from March 10, 2023, through June 3, 2026. During all relevant times, Burgher was employed by the Coos Bay School District (CBSD).
2. Beginning on February 1, 2024, the Commission received reports from Oregon’s Department of Human Services (DHS) which contained allegations against Burgher that could constitute gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, the allegations

were that Burgher had a continuing sexual relationship with a high school student which began when the student was fifteen (15) years old. On February 8, 2024, February 14, 2024, and March 18, 2024, the Commission received reports from DHS with additional details regarding the initial allegations.

On February 8, 2024, the Commission received a school district misconduct report from the CBSD. The report contained allegations against Burgher that could constitute gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, the allegations were that Burgher had a sexual relationship with a CBSD high school student.

3. Investigation found during the 2021-22 school year, Burgher developed a teacher/student relationship with a fifteen (15) year-old female student enrolled in his math class at Marshfield High School. On an unknown date, Burgher emailed the student and shared that he had feelings for her that were beyond the teacher/student relationship. When the student was seventeen, Burgher began exchanging sexually explicit messages, images and recordings. In the summer of 2023, Burgher engaged in sexual intercourse with the student while she was still a student MHS and this relationship continued until early February 2024.
4. On December 17, 2024, the Coos County District Attorney's office indicted Burgher on multiple charges of sexual abuse and other charges related to the abuse. On November 3, 2025, Burgher accepted a plea agreement and pleaded guilty to one (1) felony count of a Luring a Minor, five (5) felony counts of Sexual Abuse in Second Degree, and one (1) felony count of Tampering with a Witness. On November 3, 2025, Burgher was sentenced to a total of 234-months incarceration, required to register as a sex offender, and given post-prison supervision.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Jeremy S. Burgher's conduct as described in section three (3) above, 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*).

Burgher's criminal conviction as described in section four (4) above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 670.280(2), ORS 342.175(1)(b), and OAR 584-020-0040(1) (*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 the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes if convicted in another jurisdiction), including ORS 167.057 Luring a Minor and ORS 163.425 Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree.

This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means*); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(d) (*Commission of an act listed in OAR 584-020-0040(1)*); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

Pursuant to ORS 342.175(3) and OAR 584-020-0040(1) the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission must revoke Burgher's license and/or his right to apply for a license based on Burgher's conviction of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143(3)(a), or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes, or convicted of attempt to commit such crimes as defined in ORS 161.405.

Additionally, Burgher's criminal conviction and conduct related to his conviction constitute "gross unfitness" in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(3)(c) and (d) as defined by OAR 584-020-0040 (5) (*Gross unfitness is any conduct which renders an educator unqualified to perform his or her professional responsibilities*).


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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Jeremy S. Burgher's Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 27 day of March, 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.