

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
BONO, MARK A.	)	AND PROBATION

On February 20, 2026, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Mark A. Bono (Bono) 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 6280 23 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 was confirmed delivered via signed mail receipt on March 2, 2026. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 20, 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.”

On March 18, 2026, TSPC entered into settlement discussions with Bono. On April 13, 2026, Bono stopped communicating with TSPC. TSPC attempted to contact Bono via email on May 14, 2026, May 28, 2026, and June 4, 2026. On August 7, 2026, TSPC set a final deadline of August 14, 2026, for Bono re-engage in settlement talks. As of the writing of this order, Bono has not contacted TSPC. The Commission, therefore, finds Bono 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 Bono since October 13, 2019. Bono held a Preliminary Teaching License with an endorsement for English Language Arts (PK-12) which was issued on September 19, 2021, and expired on June 30, 2025. During all relevant times, Bono was employed by the Myrtle Point School District (MPSD).

2. On February 13, 2024, TSPC received a School District Misconduct Report from MPSD. The report alleged that Bono, a teacher at Myrtle Point JR/SR High School (MPHS) in the MPSD, misused district technology by viewing pornography.
3. An investigation into this matter by the Commission and MPSD determined the following:
 - On or about February 11, 2024, the MPSD was made aware that Bono had viewed pornography on his district computer.
 - The MPSD Information Technology (IT) Department conducted a search of Bono's district computer and located a folder with internet pornography links.
 - The pornography links contained explicit photos of nude females.
 - Law enforcement declined to investigate as the pornography that was found did not appear to depict students or minors.
 - Bono resigned his position with the MPSD before the district completed their investigation.
4. TSPC investigative staff attempted to interview Bono regarding this matter. TSPC mailed request to interview letters (both certified and non-certified) to Bono's last known address in Florida on October 9, 2025. On October 23, 2025, the certified mail receipt was returned to TSPC and delivery was confirmed. TSPC attempted additional contact with Bono via email and phone on or about October 28, 2025, and November 4, 2025. During that communication, Bono was informed that failing to interview with TSPC could result in additional charges from the Commission. Bono did not make contact with TSPC until after the Commission had heard his case and issued discipline.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct described in section three (3) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(q) (Unauthorized use of school electronic equipment to received, store, produce or send sexually explicit materials; OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use

professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations), and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty. Additionally, the conduct 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 incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p) (Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or refusal by an educator under investigation to respond to request for information, to furnish or to participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission investigation).

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 and two (2) years of probation upon Bono's Oregon educator license. The period of probation will become effective on the date of adoption of this default order. The period of probation is subject to the following conditions:

1. Bono shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 17 day of August, 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.