

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

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
Educator License of)	SUSPENSION OF RIGHT
DINO A. ERARDI)	TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE

On July 8, 2025, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Dino A. Erardi (Erardi) 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 2307 8989 98 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 not returned to the Commission. The First Class mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated July 8, 2025, 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.”

Erardi emailed the Commission and requested the Commission default the matter and he did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Erardi 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. Erardi has been licensed by the Commission since April 8, 2024. Erardi held a Restricted Substitute Teaching License, with an endorsement in Substitute (PK-12), valid from April 8, 2024, through June 30, 2025. During all relevant times, Erardi was employed by ESS, a teacher staffing service, and worked at the Brookings-Harbor School District (BHSD).
2. On May 13, 2024, the Commission received a public complaint from ESS, reporting that on May 9, 2024, Erardi had inappropriate physical contact with a student at Brookings-Harbor High School (BHHS). On May 14, 2024, the Commission received a

misconduct report from the BHSD which contained allegations that Erardi may have engaged in conduct that may be considered gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, it was reported that on May 9, 2024, at BHHS, Erardi allegedly was physically and verbally aggressive with a student.

3. Investigation found that in March 2024, Erardi was employed by ESS as a substitute teacher. Erardi's employment with ESS included training and he was given a handbook which contained topics and expectations for ESS employees working at a school to adhere to.
4. Investigation found that on May 9, 2024, Erardi was supervising a physical education class at the BHHS gymnasium. Two male students were off task and throwing basketballs in a manner which could have damaged gymnasium electronic equipment or other property. Erardi directed the students to stop and recover the balls, some of which were on the second floor of the gym. The students climbed up some retracted bleachers to the second floor to retrieve the balls. One student climbed down the retracted bleachers onto the gym floor. The other student exited the second floor and proceeded down a staircase and into the hallway adjacent to the gym to return to class.
5. Investigation found that as the student returning to the gym from the hallway attempted to enter the door to the gym, Erardi restricted the student from entering the gym by placing himself in a way that blocked the student from entering the gym. Erardi also raised his forearm parallel to the ground in a blocking manner and made contact with the student. Towards the end of this confrontation, with moderate force, Erardi pushed the student back with his open hands and directed the student to go to the office. The student immediately separated from Erardi and ran down the hall to another gym door and entered the gym to collect his backpack and a coat. Erardi walked across the gym and placed himself between the student and his backpack. Erardi picked up the student's backpack and held it away from the student. Erardi and the student had a verbal exchange after which the student, using both of his hands, shoved Erardi backwards. Erardi again raised his forearm parallel to the ground in a blocking manner and made contact with the student. The student disengaged with Erardi, retrieved his coat and then proceeded out of the gym to the office. During these

incidents, Erardi had a radio which he did not use to communicate with the office for assistance in managing student behavior issues.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dino A. Erardi's conduct, as described in section five (5) 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 584-020-0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of students*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*).

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


FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby imposes a six (6) month Suspension on Dino A. Erardi's Right to Apply for an Oregon educator license.

Furthermore, prior to reinstatement, Erardi must successfully complete a Commission-approved training course on de-escalation and submit evidence of this to the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 23 day of July, 2025.

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.