

**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
DIXON, GARRETT J.	)	AND PROBATION

On September 10, 2026, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Garrett J. Dixon (Dixon) 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 3980 5878 72 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 returned as “unclaimed, unable to forward” and the First Class Mail was not returned and was assumed to be delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated September 10, 2026, 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.”

As of the writing of this Default Order, Dixon has not responded. The Commission, therefore, finds Dixon 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 Dixon since February 3, 2022. Dixon currently holds a Preliminary Teaching License with an endorsement for English Language Arts (PK-12), which was issued on May 23, 2024 and expires on January 15, 2028. Additionally, Dixon formerly held a Restricted Teaching license from February 3, 2022 to June 30,

2022. During all relevant times, Dixon was employed by the La Grande School District (LSD).

2. On May 23, 2024, TSPC received an internal referral from TSPC licensure staff alleging misconduct on the part of Dixon, an English teacher at La Grande High School (LHS) in the LSD. The report alleged that Dixon worked without a valid Oregon teaching license for approximately 2 years.
3. An investigation into this matter by the LSD and the Commission determined the following:
 - Dixon worked at the LSD during the 2022-2023, 2023-2024 school years as an English teacher at LHS.
 - On February 4, 2022, the Commission's eLicensing system sent Dixon an email reminding Dixon of his teaching license expiration date of June 30, 2022.
 - On June 30, 2022, Dixon's license expired.
 - On August 8, 2022, Dixon submitted an application to the Commission for licensure renewal.
 - On October 26, 2022, Commission licensure staff sent Dixon an email requesting additional information/documentation that was needed process his renewal application.
 - On December 5, 2022, a second email reminder was sent to Dixon requesting the same information/documentation.
 - On January 26, 2023, Commission licensure staff sent Dixon an email notifying him that his application was now closed due to lack of receipt of the information/documentation that was required and had been request from him.
 - On October 6, 2023, Dixon submitted his application for licensure renewal again.
 - On December 5, 2023, Commission licensure staff sent Dixon an email requesting required information/documentation that was needed to process his application.

- On January 23, 2024, Commission licensure staff sent a second email requesting the same information/documentation.
- On February 12, 2024, a final notice was sent to Dixon again, requesting the documentation.
- On March 12, 2024, the Commission closed Dixon's application due to not hearing back from him.
- On May 22, 2024, Dixon submitted another application for licensure renewal.
- On May 22, 2024, a Preliminary Teaching License was issued.
- In total, Dixon worked from June 30, 2022 to May, 21, 2024 without a valid Oregon teaching license; a period of 23 months.

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 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates 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 adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and

conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand upon Garrett J. Dixon's Oregon educator license.

Furthermore, the Commission imposes a one (1) year period of Probation upon Dixon's license to commence upon adoption of this order and subject to the following conditions:

1. Dixon 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 8 day of October, 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.