

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
KAYLA D. TALBERT)	

On December 9, 2025, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Talbert in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 3207 8998 96 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 returned and delivery was confirmed on December 24, 2025. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated December 9, 2025 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, Talbert has not responded. The Commission, therefore, finds Talbert 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 Talbert since July 19, 2023. Talbert held a Restricted Teaching License with an endorsement in Foundational Mathematics (PK-12); which was valid from July 19, 2023, until June 30, 2024. During all relevant times, Talbert was employed by the Central Point School District (CPSD).

2. On October 31, 2024, the Commission received an email from a patron reporting that Talbert had been arrested for Child Neglect in the 2nd degree. The reporting parting

indicated in their email that they wanted TSPC to know about the arrest prior to Talbert applying for a license renewal.

3. Investigation determined the following:

- On July 17, 2024, Talbert was arrested by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) for charges of Child Neglect in the 2nd degree.
- On July 31, 2024, after the arrest, Talbert applied for a new Restricted Teaching license with TSPC.
- On the TSPC licensure application, Talbert answered "No" to all of the character questions on the application including Question #2 which asks if the applicant is "under investigation or the subject of an inquiry by a state agency such as the Department of Education, DHS, or law enforcement."
- On March 6, 2025, Talbert was convicted of Child Neglect in the 2nd degree by the Jackson County Circuit Court.

4. TSPC attempted to contact Talbert to schedule an interview regarding this matter on numerous occasions. Between June 4, 2025, and July 8, 2025, TSPC investigative staff sent a total of three Request to Interview letters to Talbert's last known address via regular and certified mail. On June 25, 2025, Talbert signed and returned the USPS certified signature card to TSPC for one of the letters, confirming it was delivered. Despite these numerous attempts to contact her, as of the writing of this document, TSPC has yet to receive a response from Talbert.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The above 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)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), 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 upon Talbert's Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 9 day of February, 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.