

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
LARRY D. TORRIS	)	AND PROBATION

On July 22, 2026, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Larry D. Torris (Torris) 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 5871 62 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 letter was returned to the Commission on August 13, 2026, as “Unclaimed Unable to Forward”. The First-Class Mail was not returned and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated July 22, 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.”

Torris did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Hunter 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 Torris since March 3, 2023. Torris held a Restricted Substitute Teaching License, with endorsements in Substitute (PK-12), valid from March 3, 2023, through June 30, 2024. On October 22, 2024, Torris submitted an application for a Restricted Substitute Teaching License and was eligible to be in the classroom for ninety (90) days. During all relevant times, Torris was employed by ESS, a teacher staffing service, and worked at Banks Middle School (BMS), Banks School District (BSD).

2. On December 10, 2024, the Commission received a School District Misconduct Report from the BSD, alleging that while Torris was interacting with a student at BMS, Torris' hand made contact with the student's facial area. Moments later, Torris directed the student to sit down in his chair and when the student asked if Torris was going to hit him if he did not sit down, Torris indicated he would.
3. Investigation found that on December 5, 2024, Torris was substitute teaching at BMS for the day. In the afternoon, a fourteen (14) year-old male student, asked Torris for a fist bump or high five. As Torris was extending his arm towards the student, the student pulled his hand away and after Torris briefly paused his arm, Torris continued to extend his arm and Torris' hand made contact with the student's face. Torris then directed the student to sit down. The student responded by asking Torris, "If I don't sit down, are you going to hit me again?" Torris responded in a sarcastic manner, "Yes, if you don't sit down."
4. Investigation found that on December 5, 2024, the BSD notified ESS of the incident and requested that Torris be prohibited from teaching at BMS.

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CONCLUSION OF LAW

Larry D. Torris' 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)(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*), and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*).

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 Larry D. Torris'

Oregon educator license.

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

1. Torris 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 1 day of September, 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.