

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

In the Matter of the) DEFAULT ORDER OF
Educator License of) REVOCATION AND REVOKE
DIAZ-RIOS, ALEXANDER) RIGHT TO APPLY

On December 11, 2025, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Alexander Diaz-Rios (Diaz-Rios) 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 8998 72 to Diaz-Rios's last known address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a *prima facie* case. The Notice was returned as confirmed "delivered" on December 18, 2025 when Diaz-Rios began communicating with the Commission via email. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated December 11, 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, OR 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 January 16, 2026, the Commission was notified by Diaz-Rios that he would be allowing the case to default. The Commission, therefore, finds Diaz-Rios 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.

FINDING OF FACT

1. The Commission has licensed Diaz-Rios since July 9, 2018. Diaz-Rios most recently held a Preliminary Teaching license that was issued on September 2, 2021, and expired on January 30, 2025. During all relevant times, Diaz-Rios was a teacher with Seattle Public Schools (SPS) in Washington State.

2. On December 26, 2024, the Commission received information from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in Washington State indicating that Diaz-Rios, an Assistant Principal employed with the SPS at “Tops K-8” (the Option Program at Seward; a K-8 alternative school that hosts a special education program for the hearing impaired) in Eastlake, Washington, had been arrested by the Renton Police Department (RPD). According to law enforcement records, Diaz-Rios was charged with Patronizing a Prostitute and booked into the SCORE correctional facility in Renton.
3. Investigation into this matter determined the following:
 - RPD conducted an undercover operation regarding commercial sexual abuse of minors between September 27, 2024 and September 28, 2024.
 - Undercover RPD officers posed as individuals offering sexual encounters for money on an online dating webpage.
 - An individual named “Alex” responded to one of the undercover officer’s online posts.
 - RPD was able to positively “Alex” as Diaz-Rios through phone records and law enforcement databases.
 - The communication between Diaz-Rios and the undercover officer resulted law enforcement seeking criminal charges against Diaz-Rios.
 - On November 12, 2024, Diaz-Rios was arrested at his residence in Seattle, Washington.
 - On April 2, 2025, Diaz-Rios plead guilty to a charge of Patronizing a Prostitute and was sentenced.
 - The Washington State charge of Patronizing a Prostitute is the equivalent in Oregon of a charge of Commercial Sexual Solicitation (ORS 167.008).
4. Diaz-Rios was also a licensed educator in Washington State at the time of this incident. OSPI opened an investigation into this matter, and on March 13, 2025, Diaz-Rios completed a voluntary surrender of his Washington teaching certification via a Voluntary Surrender of Certificate (#578462D).

5. Pursuant to ORS 342.175(3) and OAR 584-020-0040(1) the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission must permanently revoke Diaz-Rios' license and his right to apply for an Oregon educator licensed based on a conviction of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143(3)(a), or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes, or convicted of attempt to commit such crimes as defined in ORS 161.405.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct described above in section three (3) 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(1) (Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations), and OAR 584-20-0040(1) (The Commission will deny, revoke or deny the right to apply for a license or charter school registration to any applicant or educator who, has been convicted of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143, or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes if convicted in another jurisdiction), including ORS 167.057 Luring a Minor and ORS 161.405(2)(b) Using a Child in a Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct. This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(d) (Commission of an act listed in OAR 584-020-0040(1)); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction).

Additionally, the criminal conviction and conduct related to the conviction constitute "gross unfitness" in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(3)(c) and (d) as

defined by OAR 584-020-0040 (5) (Gross unfitness is any conduct which renders an educator unqualified to perform his or her professional responsibilities)

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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Diaz-Rios' Oregon teaching license and revokes his right to apply for a 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