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In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
EDMUND THOMAS MENDELSSOHN)

On September 14, 2010, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Edmund Thomas Mendelssohn (Mendelssohn) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty pursuant to OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(g). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7010 0290 0001 6831 4381 to the address on file with the Commission. The Certified mail returned unclaimed. The regular mail was not returned and assumed received by Mendelssohn. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated September 14, 2010, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, 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 OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."

Mendelssohn did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Mendelssohn to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mendelssohn has been licensed as a teacher in Oregon since February 5, 1996. His current Continuing Administrator License issued on January 26, 2007, expires on March 25, 2012. During all relevant times, Mendelssohn worked in the Springfield School District.

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2 2. On January 16, 2009, Mendelssohn reported to duty at a basketball game after
3 consuming alcohol. Mendelssohn was observed by attendees at the game, as
4 well as law enforcement. All were of the opinion that Mendelssohn was
5 intoxicated.

6 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

7 Edmund Thomas Mendelssohn's conduct as described in paragraph 2 above
8 constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n)
9 as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment); OAR 584-020-
10 0040(4)(g) (Appearing on duty or at any district-sponsored activity while under the influence of
11 alcohol or any controlled substance). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this
12 matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

13 **FINAL ORDER**

14 The Commission hereby imposes a Public Reprimand upon Edmund Thomas
15 Mendelssohn's educator license.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 5th day of November, 2010.

17 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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20 By: 
21 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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26 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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28 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY
29 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
30 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS
31 OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.