

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

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
Educator License of)	REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO
ALLEN JAMES CAMIDGE)	APPLY FOR LICENSURE

On September 18, 2013, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Allen James Camidge (Camidge) 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 7012 1010 0003 2804 1981 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 Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated September 18, 2013, 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.”

The certified mail was returned to the Commission “Unclaimed”, the first class mail was not returned and assumed delivered. Camidge did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Camidge 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. Camidge has been licensed as a teacher in Oregon since May 15, 1989. Camidge's Standard Teaching License, with an endorsement in Standard Music (018) was issued on September 27, 2008, and expired on September 26, 2013. Camidge has not submitted application for renewal. During all relevant times, Camidge was employed by the Huntington School District.
2. On November 13, 2012, the Commission received a school district report indicating Camidge may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty. Investigation determined that between October 10, 2012, and November 11, 2012, Camidge used a school district laptop computer to perform internet searches for pornographic materials. Records indicate this adult material was both searched for and viewed on the school district's computer. A forensic review of Camidge's school district computer indicates that Camidge conducted

1 these activities both during and after school hours and on weekends. Some pornographic
2 materials were located on the computer's hard drive in temporary files. When interviewed by
3 school district officials, Camidge admitted to the activities stating, "*I can't lie, I did it. I did it*
4 *and I am sorry, it was a bad choice*".

5 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6 Camidge's conduct as described in section two (2) above constitutes gross neglect of duty
7 in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
8 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
9 0035(2)(e) (*Not use the district's or school's name, property, or resources for non-educational*
10 *benefit or purposes without approval of the educator's supervisor or the appointing*
11 *authority*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(q) (*Knowing and unauthorized use of school computer*
12 *equipment to receive, store, produce or send sexually explicit materials*).

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

16 FINAL ORDER

17 The Commission hereby revokes Allen James Camidge's right to apply for a teaching
18 license.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 11th day of February, 2014.

20 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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23 By: _____
24 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

26 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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