

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4 In the Matter of the Educator License of) DEFAULT ORDER OF
5 SUSANNE MARIE STIEL) PUBLIC REPRIMAND
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8 On April 17, 2013, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
9 issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Susanne Marie Stiel (Stiel) in which the
10 Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class
11 Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7011 2000 0001 1282 3282 to the address on file with the
12 Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a
13 prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was returned to the Commission signed as received,
14 on April 26, 2013. The regular mail was not returned to the Commission. The Notice of
15 Opportunity of Hearing, dated April 17, 2013, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive
16 Director, stated:

17 "IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD,
18 YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR
19 FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL.
20 IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A
21 HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY
22 INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER
23 DISCIPLINE."
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25 Stiel did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Stiel to be in default and enters
26 the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records
27 of the Commission concerning this matter.

28 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 29 1. Susanne Marie Stiel has been licensed by the Commission since April 1, 1998. Stiel's Basic
30 Teaching License, with an endorsement in Standard Social Studies (020), was issued August
31 16, 2011, and expires on August 15, 2014.
- 32 2. On August 15, 2011, Stiel submitted an application for the renewal of her Basic Teaching License. On
33 September 19, 2011, the Commission referred Stiel's application for licensure renewal to the
34 Professional Practices division for investigation. As part of Stiel's application, Stiel answered "No"
35 to all ten character questions, signed and dated the application on August 15, 2011. During the
36 processing of Stiel's application, a background check indicated that Stiel had been arrested for theft
37 on November 3, 2010. Stiel failed to appear in court and had a warrant issued for her arrest on
38 November 10, 2010. An investigation determined that Stiel was aware of these issues at the time
39 Stiel completed her application and should have answered "Yes" to one or more of her character

1 questions, specifically question number nine; "Have you ever been arrested or cited for any offense
2 listed in section (8) above which is still pending in the courts?" In November 2011, Stiel was
3 arrested for the outstanding warrant, pled guilty to the theft charge and was granted a diversion
4 after serving Stiel's sentence agreement.

5 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6 Stiel's conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
7 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*
8 *professional judgment*), and OAR 584-020-040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any document*
9 *or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional*
10 *duties*).

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

13 FINAL ORDER

14 The Commission hereby issues a Public Reprimand upon Susanne Marie Stiel's Educator
15 licensure.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19th day of June, 2013.

17 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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19 By: _____
20 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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22 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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