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

In the Matter of the	)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
Teaching License of	)	LICENSE REVOCATION AND
CHRIS ANDREA HOOVER	)	REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO APPLY

On July 19, 2012, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Chris Andrea Hoover (Hoover) in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7011 2000 0001 1292 1476 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 was signed for on July 20, 2012, and the return receipt was received by TSPC on July 23, 2012. The regular mail was not returned to the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated July 19, 2012, 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."

Hoover did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Hoover 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. Chris Andrea Hoover has been licensed by the Commission since June 6, 1989. Hoover's Substitute Teaching License with an endorsement in Substitute Any Specialty (PP-12), was issued November 28, 2008, and expired on November 27, 2011. During all relevant times, Hoover was reportedly unemployed.
2. On August 25, 2009, Hoover pled guilty and was subsequently convicted of one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Minor (ORS 163.575). Hoover was sentenced to 18 months probation. This conviction arose from allegations that Hoover allowed her 16-year old daughter to smoke marijuana. Records indicate Hoover was not actively employed by any school district at the time.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Hoover's conviction 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 584-020-0040(1)(x) (*ORS 163.575 – Endangering the Welfare of a Minor)*. This conduct also constitutes gross

unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*). Pursuant to ORS 342.175(2)(a) and OAR 584-020-0040(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.

Furthermore, the conduct underlying Hoover's conviction 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 584-020-0040(4)(k) (*knowing violation of any rule or order of the Commission*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a)(*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty);* and the conduct underlying Hoover's conviction constitutes "gross unfitness" in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(3)(a) 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 the licensure of Chris Andrea Hoover and revokes Hoover's right to apply for licensure.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 20th day of September, 2012.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: Victoria Chamberlain

Victoria Chamberlain, 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.