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In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
FRANK WALTER RENNER)

On June 4, 2010, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Frank Walter Renner (Renner) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty pursuant to OAR 584-020-0010(5), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(B), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(C), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f), and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7009 1410 0002 1902 5290 to the address on file with the Commission. The U.S. Postal Service returned the certified mail to the Commission on June 24, 2010 as unclaimed. The first class mail was not returned to the Commission, however, indicating that the address on file with the Commission was correct. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated June 4, 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."

Mr. Renner did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Mr. Renner 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.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

- 2 1. The Commission has licensed Mr. Renner as a teacher in Oregon since August 7, 2007.
3 His Initial Teaching License, issued on August 7, 2007, expired on February 7, 2009.
4 His Emergency Teaching License, issued February 8, 2009, expired on June 30, 2009.
5 During all relevant times, Mr. Renner was employed by the Klamath Falls City School
6 District.
7 2. On May 11, 2009, Mr. Renner was arrested on charges of Official Misconduct and Sex
8 Abuse in the 3rd Degree. On May 11, 2009, he was convicted of Official Misconduct, a
9 class A Misdemeanor. The conduct that gave rise to these charges and conviction was
10 Mr. Renner's inappropriate relationship with a female student. Specifically Mr. Renner
11 gave personal gifts to the female student, such as a bracelet, and exchanged text
12 messages. Mr. Renner also drove the student in his personal vehicle to lunches, where
13 on certain occasions he engaged in kissing and intimate touching of the student. Mr.
14 Renner did not report to his superiors the feelings that the student had for him. As a
15 condition of his conviction for Official Misconduct, the Klamath County Circuit Court
16 ordered Mr. Renner to surrender his teaching license.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

18 Frank Walter Renner's above described conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty
19 in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-
20 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing*
21 *falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure,*
22 *employment, or professional duties*), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR
23 584-020-0035(1)(b) (*Refrain from exploiting professional relationships with any student*
24 *for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not*
25 *demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal*
26 *life*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(B) (*Not accepting or giving or exchanging romantic or*
27 *overly personal gifts or notes with a student*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(C) (*Reporting to*
28 *the educator's supervisor if the educator has reason to believe a student is or may be*
29 *becoming romantically attached to the educator*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D)
30 (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at*

1 *all times), and OAR 584020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual conduct with a student). Frank*
2 *Renner's conviction for Official Misconduct constitutes gross unfitness in violation of*
3 *OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A*
4 *conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of*
5 *guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means). The Commission's authority to impose*
6 *discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.*

7 **FINAL ORDER**

8 The Commission hereby revokes Frank Walter Renner's right to apply for an
9 educator license.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 9th day of August, 2010.

11 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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14 By: 
15 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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20 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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