

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

In the Matter of the )  
Teaching License of )  
**NICOLE DEANN PRICE**)      **DEFAULT ORDER OF  
REVOCATION OF  
RIGHT TO APPLY**

On September 30, 2009, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

(Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Nicole Dean Price (Price) in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty pursuant to OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7008 1140 0002 8580 8686 to the address on file with the Commission. The U.S. Postal Service delivered the notice to Price on October 7, 2009. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated August 14, 2009, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

“You, Nicole Deann Price, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2).”

Ms. Price did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Ms. Price 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. On June 16, 2008, Ms. Price signed and submitted an Application for Education License Form C-1 upon which she responded "no" to character questions 1, 3, 4, and 7. The appropriate answer to each of these questions should have been "Yes" based on the following information pertaining to each question: (1) When Ms. Price was a permanent certified employee of the Orange County Superintendent of Schools in California, she left educational employment while the subject of an inquiry, review or investigation of alleged misconduct in June 2005. (3) On June 30, 2005, Ms. Price ended her employment contract while under investigation for possible misappropriation of public funds and possible receipt of funds under

1 false pretenses. (4) On June 12, 2008, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing  
2 suspended all of her credentials, life diplomas or other certification documents for a period of  
3 sixty days. (7) Ms. Price was disciplined by a public agency responsible for licensure when  
4 she was suspended on June 12, 2008, by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.  
5 Price's responses to each question constitutes gross neglect of duty under ORS 342.175(1)(b)  
6 as it relates to OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any document or knowing*  
7 *misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties.*)

8 2. On August 4, 2008, Ms. Price made false statements in her explanation for "yes"  
9 answers to questions 8 and 10 on the Application for Educator License Form C-1. In her  
10 explanation, she said that she was "grateful that she did not injury anyone" during an accident  
11 that occurred as a result of her DUII on June 16, 2006. However, a woman was hospitalized for  
12 blunt head trauma as a result of her actions. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty  
13 under ORS 342.175(1)(b) as it related to OAR 584-030-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any*  
14 *document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or*  
15 *professional duties.*)

## 16 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17 Nicole Deann Price's multiple false statements on her Application for Educator License  
18 Form C-1 constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b) as it relates to  
19 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation*  
20 *directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties.*) The Commission's authority  
21 to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby revokes the right of Nicole Deann Price to apply for an Oregon  
3 teaching license.

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5 Approved by the Commission on November 6, 2009, effective November 9, 2009.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

7 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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10 By:   
11 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
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16 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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18 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE  
19 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE  
20 OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS  
21 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.  
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