1 2 3 4 5	BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ON BEHALF OF TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
5 6 7 8	In the Matter of the ) OAH Case No. 1002059 Teaching License of ) AMY LOUISE VORIS ) FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT
9	On July 20, 2010, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
10	issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Amy Louise Voris (Voris) in which the
11	Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty pursuant to OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c),
12	OAR 584-020-0040 (5)(c), OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e), and OAR 584-050-0006(3)(a). Ms.
13	Voris requested a hearing. A hearing was scheduled before Administrative Law Judge Ken
14	Betterton at 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 2011. Ms. Voris failed to appear at the scheduled time and
15	place of the hearing.
16	The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing informed Ms. Voris that if she failed to appear at
17	the hearing, the Commission would adopt an order of default and that the records contained the
18	files of the Commission would automatically become a part of the contested case record upon
19	default for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Commission, therefore, finds Ms. Voris
20	in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the
21	files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.
22	FINDINGS OF FACT
23	1. Voris previously held a California teaching credential that expired on February 1, 2010.
24	On March 5, 2009, Voris signed and submitted an Application for Educator License
25	Form C-1, on which she answered, "yes" to character questions 1, 2, 3, 8, and 10.
26	2. Voris answered "yes" to question 1, "Have you ever left any educational or school-
27	related employment, voluntarily or involuntarily, while the subject of an inquiry,
28	review or investigation of alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional
29	standards of conduct or when you had reason to believe such investigation was
30	imminent?" Voris' written explanation stated that she left the Santa Anna Unified
31	School District in California due to illness. Information obtained with Voris' consent
32	from the Santa Anna Unified School District indicated that she left for several months
33	without notice. When she returned she submitted notentially fraudulent notes from a

1 medical provider that gave no reason for her leave of absence. With the documents 2 obtained from the Santa Anna Unified School District, were records of arrests not 3 disclosed to the Commission in her application for licensure in Oregon. 4 3. Voris answered, "yes" to question 2, "Are you currently the subject of an inquiry, 5 review or investigation for alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional 6 standards of conduct?" The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing 7 indicated that no final decision was made in reference to Voris' case and that 8 information regarding any pending case would have to come from Voris. 9 4. Voris answered, "yes" to question 8, "Have you ever been convicted or granted 10 conditional discharge by any court for any: (a) Felony; or (b) Misdemeanor; or (c) 11 major traffic violation such as; fleeing or attempting to allude a police officer; 12 driving while your license was suspended, revoked or used in violation of any license 13 restriction; or failure to perform the duties of a driver or witness at an accident?" 14 Voris provided a written explanation listing a single misdemeanor conviction in 15 December of 2007, in California for shoplifting, which she said involved one night in 16 jail for her theft of a lighter. Court documents show that Voris was sentenced to six 17 days jail, of which she served four, for shoplifting from two different stores. The crime 18 for which she served jail time was actually an arrest following her failure to appear for 19 the hearing regarding the shoplifting. 20 5. In addition to the arrest and conviction related to the December 2007 shoplifting 21 incident, Voris has the following arrests and convictions not disclosed to the Commission with application: 22 23 a. Voris was arrested in California for the following crimes: 24 i. April 18, 2001: Corporal Injury to a Spouse (Domestic) 25 ii. March 27, 2007: Petty Theft 26 iii. September 18, 2007: Possession of Marijuana, under 28.5 grams 27 iv. May 20, 2008: Vehicle Theft 28 b. In Arizona, Voris had the following arrests: 29 i. February 23, 2008: Criminal Trespass 30 ii. February 29, 2008: DUII 31 iii. May 25, 2008: Voris was arrested for Assault following an incident 32 where she approached a man of Indian descent and demanded to know 33 his citizenship status, and whether he was a Christian. When he

responded that he was both a US citizen and a Christian, Voris jumped

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1	on his back, yelled, "Do you remember fucking Pearl Harbor" and,
2	"Osama Bin Laden." Voris then proceeded to hit the man in the head,
3	and kick his laptop computer.
4	c. In Oregon, Voris had the following arrests:
5	i. March 24, 2008: Offensive Littering
6	ii. January 1, 2009: Failure to Appear
7	iii. April 26, 2009: Disorderly Conduct 2
8	iv. May 7, 2009: Criminal Trespass in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree
9	v. May 21, 2009: Reckless driving, Interfering with a Peace Officer,
10	Resisting Arrest and Failure to Carry or Present a License
11	vi. July 1, 2009: Disorderly Conduct 2
12	vii. July 13, 2009: Disorderly Conduct 2
13	viii. July 14, 2009: Disorderly Conduct 2, Criminal Trespass
14	ix. September 3, 2009: Failure to Appear
15	d. Some of Voris' arrests were accompanied by erratic behavior that led police on
16	one occasion to use a Taser to subdue her, and on another occasion to place her
17	on a psychiatric hold.
18	e. Voris did not disclose all of her arrests and convictions on her application.
19	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
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21	Amy Louise Voris' above described conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
22	ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Knowing falsification of any document or
23	knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional
24	duties), and gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c)
25	(Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final
26	judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any
27	other means); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission of or engaging in acts constituting
28	criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction); and OAR 584-050-0006(3)(a) (The
29	applicant submits a falsified application), (b) (The applicant has been convicted of any
30	felony, misdemeanor, or major traffic offense), and (d) (The Executive Director has evidence
31	that the applicant may lack fitness to serve as an educator).
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33	Based on the foregoing, Voris failed to establish that she has the physical and mental fitness
34	required to hold a license pursuant to ORS 342.143(2).

1	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
2	342.175.
3	FINAL ORDER
4	The Commission hereby denies Amy Louise Voris' application for an Oregon Teaching
5	License.
6	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS day of May, 2011.
7	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
8 9 10 11	By: Mamberlain, Executive Director
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15 16 17	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
17 18 19 20 21 22	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.