

1 revocation was a result of Watkins' criminal conviction of "Unlawful Restraint", a Felony in
2 Texas and equivalent to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 163.235, Kidnapping in the First
3 Degree, also a Felony.

- 4 3. The Commission conducted an investigation and learned that on or about February 15, 2011,
5 Watkins started an altercation with his live-in girlfriend. Reports indicate Watkins threw
6 objects at her, struck her with a belt, strangled her and pointed a loaded shotgun at her. The
7 victim escaped Watkins by jumping out a second story window, fracturing a vertebra in her
8 back. Charged with multiple felonies, Watkins settled his criminal case by pleading guilty to
9 "Unlawful Restraint" on July 5, 2012.

10 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11 Watkins's conduct as described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
12 ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*
13 *professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(1)(d) (*The Commission will deny, revoke or deny*
14 *the right to apply for a license or charter school registration to any applicant or educator who,*
15 *has been convicted of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143, or the substantial equivalent of*
16 *any of those crimes if convicted in another jurisdiction or convicted of attempt to commit such*
17 *crimes as defined in 161.405. Evaluation of substantially equivalent crimes or attempts to*
18 *commit crimes will be based on Oregon laws in effect at the time of the conviction, regardless*
19 *of the jurisdiction in which the conviction occurred: Kidnapping in the First Degree*); OAR
20 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the*
21 *profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*).
22 This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-
23 0040(5)(a) (*Revocation, suspension or denial of a license by another state for reasons and*
24 *through procedures that are the same as, or substantially equivalent to, those permitting*
25 *similar action in Oregon*); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts*
26 *constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

27 According to OAR 584-050-0006(3)(d), The Executive Director may deny issuance of a
28 license, certificate or registration, renewal of a license, certificate or registration; or
29 reinstatement of a license, certificate or registration under the conditions set forth in subsection
30 (3); Notice of denial and right to a hearing may be issued by the Executive Director when any of
31 the following conditions exist: (d) The Executive Director has evidence that the applicant may
32 lack fitness to serve as an educator. The conduct leading to your criminal conviction also fails to
33 establish fitness to hold a teaching license in Oregon as provided under ORS 342.143(2) (*good*

1 moral character; mental and physical health as the Commission may required to establish
2 fitness).

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4 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.
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6 **FINAL ORDER**

7 The Commission hereby revokes Blake Cameron Watkins's right to apply for an Oregon
8 educator license.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 20th day of February, 2014.

10 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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13 By: _____
14 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 OF
20 THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO
21 THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.