

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION  
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
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4 In the Matter of the ) DEFAULT ORDER  
5 Teaching License of ) ONE (1) YEAR  
6 ) SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO  
7 JACOB RIVER WREN ) APPLY FOR TEACHING LICENSE  
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9 On September 21, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)  
10 issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Jacob River Wren (Wren) in which the  
11 Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness pursuant to ORS  
12 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5); OAR 584-  
13 020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D), OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a); and  
14 OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail  
15 Receipt 7010 2780 0000 2187 7017 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice of  
16 Opportunity of Hearing, dated September 21, 2011, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain,  
17 Executive Director, stated:

18 "IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD,  
19 YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR  
20 FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL.  
21 IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A  
22 HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY  
23 INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER  
24 DISCIPLINE."  
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26 Wren did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Wren to be in default and  
27 enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the files and records  
28 of the Commission concerning this matter.

29 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 30 1. Wren has been licensed as a teacher in Oregon since September 22, 2010. His current  
31 Career and Technical Education I License, with an endorsement in Manufacturing  
32 Technology (HS), issued on September 22, 2010, and valid until September 22, 2011, is  
33 expired. During all relevant times, Wren was employed by the Roseburg School District.  
34 2. During the 2010/2011 school year, Wren failed a pre-employment drug test, having used marijuana.  
35 Wren was employed, nonetheless, under condition that Wren submit to random drug screenings.  
36 Wren used marijuana over the winter break, and subsequently refused the random drug screening,  
37 advising school officials that he would likely fail the test due to recent use.

3. While employed with the Roseburg School District, two female students reported that Wren touched them inappropriately in class. Following a district investigation, it was determined that Wren utilized physical contact and physical proximity that caused students to feel uncomfortable.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Wren's conduct described in section two (2) above 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)(o) 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*); 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*).

Wren's conduct described in section three (3) above 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*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*).

The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

#### FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby suspends Jacob River Wren's right to apply for a teaching license in Oregon for a period of one (1) year, to begin upon the date this order is signed and in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By   
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.