1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
4 5 6 7	In the Matter of the) DEFAULT ORDER OF Teaching License of) DENIAL OF LICENSE AND REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO APPLY
8 9	On November 29, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
10	issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ronald Keith Driscoll (Driscoll) 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)(c); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail
14	and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7011 2000 0001 2182 4579 to the address on file with the
15	Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated November 29, 2011, and signed by
16	Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 60-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."
24 25	Driscoll did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Driscoll to be in
26	default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the files
27	and records of the Commission concerning this matter.
28	FINDINGS OF FACT
29	1. Driscoll has never been licensed as a teacher in Oregon. Driscoll holds or held teaching
30	licenses in the States of Washington and Texas. On March 21, 2011, the Commission
31	received Driscoll's application for licensure, signed and dated February 11, 2011.
32	2. Driscoll made application for an Oregon Teaching License on March 21, 2011; Driscoll's application
33	was signed and dated February 11, 2011. Driscoll answered "No" to all character questions, including
34	questions 1 (Have you ever left any education or school related employment, voluntarily or
35	involuntarily, while the subject of an inquiry, review or investigation of alleged misconduct?
36	Have you ever left any educational or school related employment when you had reason to believe
37	an investigation for misconduct was underway or imminent?), 2 (Are you currently the subject of

1	an inquiry, review, or investigation for alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional
2	standards of conduct by either an employer or a licensure agency?), 3 (Have you ever been placed
3	on leave by your employer for any alleged misconduct?), and question 9 (Have you ever been
4	arrested or cited for any offense listed in section (8) that is still pending in the courts? This
5	includes any diversion, conditional discharge, or postponed adjudication that has not been
6	dismissed by the courts at the time this application is signed.) Driscoll's answers were false. At the
7	time Driscoll signed and dated his application, Driscoll was under investigation in the State of
8	Washington, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Driscoll had been placed on leave and
9	was subsequently dismissed from his employment. Driscoll had been criminally charged with four
10	counts of assault with sexual motivation. These charges stemmed from allegations that Driscoll
11	fondled minor female students' buttocks, spanked them, and made inappropriate sexual comments
12	to them.
13	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
14	Driscoll's conduct described in section two (2) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in
15	violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
16	0010(5) (Use professional judgment); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Knowing falsification of any
17	document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or
18	professional duties); This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS
19	342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission of or engaging in acts constituting
20	criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction).
21	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.
22	FINAL ORDER
23	The Commission hereby denies Ronald Keith Driscoll's application for a license and
24	revokes Ronald Keith Driscoll's right to apply for a teaching license in Oregon for a period of one
25	(1) year, to begin upon the date this order is signed and in effect.
26	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS day of April, 2012.
27	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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29	By: Milano (Raphuerlain)
30	Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
31 32	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
33	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
34 35	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
36	THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.