

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

In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
LAWRENCE R. WENNER)

On or about September 1, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received an application for licensure from Lawrence Wenner (Wenner). Wenner properly indicated on his character questions section that he had been subject to licensure discipline in the State of California, answering “Yes” to questions numbered 1, 3, 4, and 7.

Wenner fully cooperated with the Commission's investigation in this matter, providing accurate explanations and supporting documentation. After review of the matters alleged, Wenner and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a four (4) year probation period to commence the date of adoption of this order. .

By signing below, Wenner acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Probation(Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Wenner nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated

1 Final Order below. Wenner understands that the probation will be subject to specific
2 terms and conditions.

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**


- 4 1. The Commission has licensed Lawrence R. Wenner since March 21, 2012.
5 Wenner's current Initial Teaching License with endorsements in Language Arts
6 (HS,ML) and Multiple Subjects (MIDLVL), issued on March 21, 2012, expires on
7 September 21, 2013. Wenner made application for his Oregon License on
8 September 1, 2011. Wenner's "Yes" answers on the character question section of
9 his application caused an internal referral investigation by the Commission prior
10 to licensure approval. Wenner was not employed as a teacher in Oregon at the
11 time of application and investigation.
12 2. Commission investigators learned that Wenner had been investigated and
13 disciplined by his employing school district and the California Commission on
14 Teacher Credentialing. Wenner reported that during a very emotional sensitive
15 period of separation and subsequent divorce, he let several situations in his
16 classroom get the better of him, and he used inappropriate language and had
17 experienced emotional/anger issues in his classroom. Wenner was placed on
18 administrative leave by the Shasta Union High School District (SUHSD) and was
19 ultimately asked to resign his position in 2009. Wenner was also investigated by
20 the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing who suspended his license
21 for thirty days.
22 3. Wenner successfully completed a 52 week anger management program that
23 Wenner reports has benefited him greatly.

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27 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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29 Lawrence R. Wenner

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Date

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31 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
32 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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CONCLUSION OF LAW

Between the years 2007 and 2009, Wenner demonstrated a pattern of negative behavior in his classroom management that resulted in progressive discipline and ultimately his separation of employment by his employing school district. This behavior included the repeated use of profanities and inappropriate comments in the classroom in the presence of students. Wenner's employment was terminated and his California Teaching Credential was suspended for a period of thirty days as a result of his unprofessional behaviors. This conduct 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(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons); 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.

ORDER

The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact, conclusions of law, and based thereon hereby imposes a period of probation upon Wenner's Initial Teaching License as follows:

- The Commission imposes a four (4) year probation upon Wenner to commence the date of adoption of this order and subject to the following terms and conditions of probation:
1. Wenner shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.

1 Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis for
2 the Commission to revoke Wenner's teaching license or otherwise impose discipline,
3 after first providing Wenner with notice and opportunity for hearing

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5 Issued and dated this 30th day of April, 2012.

6 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**
7 **STATE OF OREGON**

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9 By 
10 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director