

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4 In the Matter of the Educator)
5 License of)
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7 ALAN ISAAC KRAVETZ) DEFAULT ORDER OF DENIAL OF
 APPLICATION AND REVOCATION
 OF RIGHT TO APPLY
 FOR AN EDUCATOR LICENSE

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10 On December 29, 2015, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
11 (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Alan Isaac Kravetz (Kravetz) in
12 which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The
13 Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7015 0640 0004
14 7539 6779 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the
15 Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail
16 receipt was returned to the Commission "signed" on January 2, 2016. The first class mail
17 was not returned to the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated
18 December 29, 2015, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

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

30 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 31 1. Kravetz has never been licensed as a teacher in Oregon. Kravetz made application for
32 an Oregon educator license with the Commission on December 18, 2014. As part of
33 the application process, Kravetz was required to answer questions about his
34 background and character. Kravetz's application was referred to investigations due
35 to affirmative answers on the application's character questions.
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2. Kravetz completed a TSPC C-1 application for an Oregon educator license which was signed by Kravetz on December 12, 2014. Kravetz answered “yes” to character questions numbered 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7” on page four of the TSPC Application for Educator License or Registration Form C-1. Kravetz explained that he had surrendered his Virginia teaching license on April 28, 2014, in lieu of dismissal and adverse action upon Kravetz Virginia license. Kravetz acknowledged that he understood the reasons for cancellation / surrender were the same as those for revocation of licensure. Kravetz advised investigators that during the 2013-2014 school year, while teaching at the Mount Vernon High School in Virginia, Kravetz engaged in a legal and consensual, sexual relationship with a 19-year-old female adult student outside of the school setting. Kravetz also reported that once, while out on a date with the female student, Kravetz and the female student were seen together by another student who reported it to school officials.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Alan Isaac Kravetz engaged in unprofessional conduct as described above. 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(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (*Refrain from exploiting relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student’s personal life*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (*Any sexual conduct with a student*). The Commission may rely on the definitions of sexual conduct in ORS 339.370(9) and OAR 584-020-0005(5). Additionally, your conduct constitutes “gross unfitness” in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c), OAR 584-020-0040(3)(a) and (d) as defined by OAR 584-020-0040 (5) (*Gross unfitness is any conduct which renders an educator unqualified to perform his or her professional responsibilities*).

The conduct alleged above also fails to establish fitness to hold a teaching license in Oregon as provided under ORS 342.143(2) (*The Teacher Standards and Practices*

1 Commission may require an applicant for a teaching, personnel service or administrative
2 license or for registration as a public charter school teacher or administrator to furnish
3 evidence satisfactory to the commission of good moral character, mental and physical
4 health, and such other evidence as it may deem necessary to establish the applicants
5 fitness to serve as a teacher or administrator).

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7 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
8 342.175.

9 **FINAL ORDER**

10 The Commission hereby denies Alan Isaac Kravetz's application for an Oregon
11 educator license and revokes Alan Isaac Kravetz's right to apply for an Oregon educator
12 License.

13 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 29th day of February, 2016.

14 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION



15 By: _____
16 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

17 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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20 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW
21 MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM
22 THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE
23 PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.