

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 SHERI LYNN CAMPBELL)
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DEFAULT ORDER OF DENIAL OF
APPLICATION AND SUSPENSION OF
RIGHT TO APPLY
FOR AN EDUCATOR LICENSE

10 On May 31, 2016, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
11 issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Sheri Lynn Campbell (Campbell) in which the
12 Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First
13 Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7015 0640 0004 7539 7066 to the address on file
14 with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes
15 of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was not returned to the
16 Commission. The first class mail was not returned to the Commission. The Notice of
17 Opportunity of Hearing, dated May 31, 2016, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive
18 Director, stated:

19 "IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 60-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 Campbell did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Campbell to be in
28 default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based
29 on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

30 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 31 1. Campbell has been licensed by the Commission since September 21, 1989. Campbell
32 previously held a Basic Teaching License, with an endorsement in Basic Elementary
33 (016), valid from December 26, 2011, through May 29, 2014. Campbell's license
34 would have originally expired on December 25, 2014; however, Campbell's license
35 was suspended by default order on May 29, 2014, for a period of sixty (60) days. On
36 December 29, 2014, Campbell made application for renewal of her expired (and

1 suspended) Basic Teaching License. During all relevant times, Campbell was
2 employed by the La Grande School District.

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4 2. On May 29, 2014, the Commission suspended Campbell's teaching license by
5 default order for conduct that occurred during the 2012-13 school year. The
6 Commission requires anyone whose license has been suspended to apply for
7 reinstatement. Campbell was eligible to apply for reinstatement approximately 45
8 days prior to the end of her suspension period to allow for processing time.
9 Campbell failed to apply for reinstatement from suspended status and as such
10 Campbell's license remained suspended. On December 29, 2014, Campbell
11 submitted an application for renewal of her license. On February 25, 2015, the
12 Commission, after learning that Campbell had continued to teach on a suspended
13 license, referred her application to professional standards to conduct an
14 investigation. Investigation determined the following:

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16 a. As part of Campbell's application, she completed the required character
17 questions section of the application, answering "No" to all questions. This
18 included answering "No" to question number four, *"Have you ever had*
19 *any adverse action taken on a professional certificate, license, or charter*
20 *school registration?"* Campbell also answered "No" to question number
21 seven, *"Have you ever been disciplined by any public agency responsible*
22 *for licensure of any kind, including but not limited to educational*
23 *licensure?"* Investigation determined that Campbell sought and received
24 employment by both the La Grande and Union County School Districts as
25 a substitute teacher. On both Campbell's applications for employment
26 Campbell errantly answered "No" to all their pre-employment character
27 questions in a manner similar to how Campbell responded to the
28 Commission's character questions.
- 29 b. Between October 2014 and February 2015, Campbell provided substitute
30 teaching services to both school districts, totaling over 96 hours of
31 teaching without possessing a valid teaching license.
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1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 Sheri Lynn Campbell engaged in unprofessional conduct as described in
3 section 2(a) and (b) above. Campbell's conduct under 2(a) constitutes gross neglect of
4 duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates
5 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it
6 incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(2)(a) (*Apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position*
7 *of responsibility only on the basis of professional qualifications, and will adhere to*
8 *the conditions of a contract or the terms of the appointment*), OAR 584-020-
9 0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the*
10 *law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c)
11 (*Falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to*
12 *licensure, employment, or professional duties*).

13 Sheri Lynn Campbell's conduct described in section 2(b) above constitutes
14 gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as
15 it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-
16 0040(4)(r) (*Working without a license*); and OAR 584-050-0006(3)(f) (*The*
17 *applicant has served in violation of OAR 584-050-0035 Must be Licensed, Registered*
18 *or Certified at All Times While Employed*).

19 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
20 342.175.
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22 **FINAL ORDER**

23 The Commission hereby denies Sheri Lynn Campbell's application for
24 licensure and suspends Sheri Lynn Campbell's Right to Apply for an Educator
25 License for a period of six months from the date of this order.

26 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 5th day of August, 2016.

27 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

28 By: Monica Beane
29 Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director
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3 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW
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