

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 OF DENIAL  
5 Teaching License of ) OF TEACHING LICENSE  
6 Ronald Lee Lyford )

7 On March 29, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)  
8 issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ronald Lee Lyford (Lyford) in which the  
9 Commission charged him with misconduct under ORS 342.175. The Notice was sent via U.S.  
10 First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7004 2510 0002 6791 0006 to the address  
11 obtained by the Commission. The certified mail receipt was signed by the educator and  
12 returned to the Commission on April 7, 2005. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated  
13 March 29, 2005, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

14 "You, Ronald Lee Lyford, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of the  
15 Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a hearing  
16 with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached to this  
17 notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights of  
18 parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2)."  
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20 Mr. Lyford did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Mr. Lyford to be  
21 in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the  
22 files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

23 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

24 1. On April 19, 2004, Mr. Lyford signed and submitted an Application for Educator  
25 License Form C-1 requesting a Transitional Teaching License.

26 2. On the character question section of the application, Mr. Lyford responded  
27 affirmatively to question 1, "Have you ever left any educational or school-related employment,  
28 voluntarily or involuntarily, while the subject of an inquiry, review or investigation of alleged  
29 misconduct..." and question 7, "Have you ever been disciplined by any public agency  
30 responsible for licensure of any kind, including but not limited to educational licensure?"

1 3. On March 8, 1995, while serving as a substitute teacher, at Minnehaha Elementary,  
2 Vancouver, Washington, Mr. Lyford pushed, hit students and made comments regarding their  
3 mental capacity. Mr. Lyford was reprimanded by the Washington Superintendent of Public  
4 Instruction for this misconduct.

5 4. On August 2, 2004, the Commission wrote to Mr. Lyford requesting that he provide  
6 evidence in support of fitness to serve as an Oregon educator. Ms. Lyford did not respond.

#### 7 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8 Pursuant to OAR 584-050-0006(5) and ORS 342.143 the Executive Director may deny  
9 issuance of a license based upon evidence that the applicant may lack fitness to serve as an  
10 educator. Mr. Lyford failed to provide evidence that he possesses fitness to serve as an  
11 educator. The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
12 342.175.

#### 13 ORDER

14 The Commission hereby denies the application of Ronald Lee Lyford for a Transitional  
15 Teaching License.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

17 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

18 By: Victoria Chamberlain  
19 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
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#### 21 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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