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In the Matter of the Educator )  
License of )  
VINCENT LIU )

On May 31, 2016, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Vincent Liu (Liu) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7015 0640 0004 7539 7059 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was not returned to the Commission. The first class mail was not returned to the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated May 31, 2016, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, then Executive Director, stated:

**“IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-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.”**

Liu did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Liu to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Liu has never been licensed by the Commission. On February 7, 2015, Liu made application to the Commission for Student Teaching or Practicum via a PA-1 application form.
2. Liu's application was referred to investigations due to his affirmative answer to character question eight (8), regarding an applicant's criminal history. Background investigation determined Liu had a criminal record including the following history:

- 1 • 12/31/2004 – arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Sale and Use of Drug  
2 Paraphernalia (Civil Violation). Charged on February 4, 2005, in the Bangor  
3 District Court – State of Maine.  
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- 5 • 04/01/2005 – arrested for Unlawful Trafficking in Scheduled Drugs  
6 (Misdemeanor) and Unlawful Possession of Scheduled Drugs (Misdemeanor).  
7 Convicted on August 3, 2005 in the Bangor District Court – State of Maine.  
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- 9 • 04/30/2006 – arrested for Fail to Carry License (Misdemeanor). Charged on  
10 June 19, 2006 and paid fine in the Bangor District Court – State of Maine.  
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- 12 • 04/01/2008 – arrested for Violating Condition of Release (Misdemeanor).  
13 Charged on June 10, 2008 in the Bangor District Court – State of Maine.  
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- 15 • 05/27/2008 – arrested for Violating Condition of Release; Criminal Mischief;  
16 and Criminal Trespass (Misdemeanors). Convicted on June 13, 2008 in the  
17 Bangor District Court – State of Maine.  
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- 19 • 06/09/2008 – arrested for Theft by Unauthorized taking or Transfer; and  
20 Violating Condition of Release (Misdemeanors). Convicted on June 13, 2008 in  
21 the Bangor District Court – State of Maine.  
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23 On February 20, 2015, Liu provided a written explanation for his “Yes” answer to  
24 character question number 8. In Liu’s written explanation, in addition to explaining his  
25 criminal history events, Liu described a period of time in 2008, where Liu defines  
26 himself as experiencing a “disruptive manic episode”. By Liu’s own words, his impaired  
27 mental state caused him to be suspended from school and other legal consequences  
28 until Liu was directed to seek mental health treatment by court order.

### 29 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

30 Vincent Liu engaged in unprofessional conduct as described in section two (2) above.  
31 Based on the above conduct, Liu has failed to provide the Commission satisfactory evidence

1 of good moral character or mental and physical fitness as required to hold a license under  
2 ORS 342,143(2). Liu's criminal history detailed above, and the conduct underlying his  
3 charges and convictions constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b);  
4 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional*  
5 *judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a)  
6 (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying*  
7 *personal integrity and honesty*).  
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9 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
10 342.175.

11 **FINAL ORDER**

12 The Commission hereby denies Vincent Liu's application for an Oregon educator  
13 license and suspends Vincent Liu's right to apply for an Oregon educator license for a period  
14 of one year from the date of this order.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

16 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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18 By: Monica Beane  
19 Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director  
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21 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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