

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 License of) DEFAULT ORDER OF SUSPENSION
5 DOUGLAS H. KNOX) OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR AN
6) EDUCATOR LICENSE AND PROBATION
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8 On May 21, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a
9 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Douglas H. Knox (Knox) in which the Commission charged
10 him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail
11 Receipt 7018 1830 0001 6178 7497 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice
12 designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The
13 Certified Mail receipt was returned to the Commission. The regular, first class mail was not returned
14 to the Commission, and was assumed to have been delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing,
15 dated May 21, 2020, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:

16 "IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD,
17 YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR
18 FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF
19 YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, IF
20 YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL
21 NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT
22 WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR
23 OTHER DISCIPLINE."
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25 On June 1, 2020, the Commission received a letter from Knox's attorney requesting a hearing. On
26 September 11, 2020, Knox's attorney notified the Commission that Knox was withdrawing his
27 request for a hearing and no longer wished to participate in settlement discussions. The
28 Commission, therefore, finds Knox to be in default and enters the following findings of fact,
29 conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this
30 matter.
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32 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 33 1. Douglas H. Knox has been licensed by the Commission since February 19, 1991. Knox
34 held a Standard Teaching License, with an endorsement Basic Speech (5-12), and
35 Standard Language Arts (5-12), valid from July 16, 2013, through July 15, 2018. During
36 all relevant times, Knox was employed by the Hillsboro School District (HSD).
37 2. On July 2, 2018, the Commission received a report from the HSD indicating Knox may
38 have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty. The district reported that on
39 or about February 1, 2018, Knox was under the influence of intoxicants at Evergreen
40 Middle School, Knox's assigned place of duty.