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BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Educator License of WARREN J. WILSON)))	DEFAULT ORDER OF REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE
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On October 30, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Warren J. Wilson, (Wilson) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and /or Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7019 2970 0000 4904 0860 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 returned to the Commission signed. The regular first class mail was not returned to the Commission, and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated September 2, 2020, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, 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, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE.”

On November 10, 2020, TSPC spoke with Wilson on the phone, and at that time he indicated that he did not want a hearing. Wilson stated he wanted his case to go into default. TSPC informed him that his case would officially go into default on November 26, 2020, and if decided to change his mind about a hearing, he would need to notify TSPC before this date. As of the drafting of this order, March 4, 2021, TSPC has not heard from Wilson. The Commission, therefore, finds Wilson 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.

FINDING OF FACT

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3 1. The Commission first licensed Wilson on March 2, 1981. Wilson held a
4 Professional Teaching License, with an endorsement in Elementary-Multiple
5 Subjects, valid from July 21, 2017 through March 10, 2023. On November 9,
6 2017, Wilson's Oregon educator license was suspended by the Commission for
7 violation of Oregon Administrative Rules. Wilson did not apply for reinstatement
8 once the suspension was complete. During all relevant times, Wilson was
9 employed by the Baker School District (BSD) or Wallowa School District (WSD).
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- 11 2. On March 20, 2019, TSPC received a report from the BSD alleging that during the
12 fall of 2018, Wilson had inappropriately touched several female students while
13 employed as the Baker High School Junior Varsity and/or Varsity Head
14 Volleyball Coach. Multiple students were interviewed during the course of the
15 district investigation, and no less than five reported that Wilson touched them
16 inappropriately during practice and games. The students reported Wilson placed
17 his hands on their hips, thighs, grabbed their hands, and touched the sides of
18 their abdomen, lower backs and shoulders. Additionally, it was reported that
19 Wilson interlaced his fingers with students when giving them high fives that
20 students stated would "linger." It was also reported that Wilson grabbed students'
21 faces with both of his hands when speaking to them on at least two separate
22 occasions. One female student reported that Wilson walked up behind her while
23 she was having an asthma attack and chose to posture behind her, intertwining
24 his fingers with hers, and placed his hands with hers above her up on the wall.
25 Students reported that Wilson's actions made them feel uncomfortable. For this
26 behavior, the BSD required that Wilson relinquish his coaching duties effective
27 immediately, which he did. BSD stated in their investigation that Wilson violated
28 a prior 2015 directive not to physically contact students and violated TSPC rules.
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- 30 3. The misconduct cited above is similar behavior to complaints the Wallowa School
31 District had received regarding Wilson in 2017. In that case, TSPC Case #2015-
32 08-0010, Wilson was found to have inappropriately touched female athletes he