1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
5 6 7 8	In the Matter of the DEFAULT ORDER OF Educator License of REVOCATION OF RONALD G. DUNN RIGHT TO APPLY
9	On December 23, 2021, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10	(Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ronald G. Dunn (Dunn) in
11	which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and /or Gross Unfitness
12	The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7021 0350
13	0000 8183 8091 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the
14	Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified
15	Mail receipt was returned to the Commission signed. The regular first-class mail was no
16	returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of
17	Hearing, dated December 23, 2021, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director,
18	stated:
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	"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."
29	On May 10, 2022, Commission investigative staff sent Dunn a final email
30	regarding a settlement and set a deadline for Dunn to respond before 5PM on May 23,
31	2022. The email indicated that failure to respond would result in the case moving into
32	default. As of June 3, 2022, the Commission has received no response from Dunn. The
33	Commission, therefore, finds Dunn to be in default and enters the following findings of
34	fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the
35	Commission concerning this matter.
36	FINDING OF FACT
37	1) The Commission has licensed Dunn since April 5, 1982. Dunn held a Standard Teaching

License, with an endorsement in Elementary: Multiple Subjects (PK-12), valid from September 6, 2018, through on September 5, 2021. During all relevant times, Dunn was employed by the Days Creek School District (DCSD).

2) On March 20, 2019, the Commission received a Department of Human Services – Child Welfare (DHS) screening report alleging misconduct by Ronald G. Dunn. Specifically, the complaint alleged that Dunn attempted to slide his hand inside the pants of a female student as she was leaving his classroom. The investigation on this matter was inconclusive; however, during the investigation, more information regarding an older allegation involving a female student, MR, had come to light. MR was a student at DCSD from 1993 to 1997. MR was a student in Dunn's classroom and a youth on a volleyball team he coached. The new information that came to light indicated that Dunn allegedly engaged in a sexual/romantic relationship with MR while she was his student.

3) Investigation and witness/victim interviews determined that Dunn engaged in sexual intercourse with MR at least eight times while she was his student. MR stated that the relationship became sexual when she was 17 years old and still a minor. MR chose not to file a report at the time because she felt humiliated and embarrassed. MR told investigators that she engaged in vaginal intercourse with Dunn, reciprocal oral sex, kissing, and massages. MR reported that she had kept a calendar of the encounters. MR reported that the sexual acts had occurred at the school (weight room), in Dunn's class office on a bean bag chair, in a book room on the elementary side of the school, and in an RV while camping. MR reported that in the Summer of 1997, after she graduated, Dunn was being investigated for his relationship with her, and stated that he coached her on what to tell investigators so he wouldn't get in trouble for the relationship. Additionally, MR reported that Dunn and his wife came to visit her and thanked her for not saying anything. MR also reported that she had received random amounts of money from Dunn during and after this time. MR reported that the money was given to her by Dunn for her cell phone bill or "just because." MR further reported that Dunn had a reputation for being "handsy" with the girls on the volleyball team.

The Commission attempted to investigate the allegations of a sexual relationship between Dunn and MR in 2008; however, MR did not cooperate with the Commission investigator at the time and was unwilling to speak to the investigator on the record. Based on this, the allegation could not be corroborated at that time.

Investigation also determined based on several student and witnesses' statements that a pattern of unwanted, inappropriate touching of female students was documented and had occurred over the course of Dunn's career.

At the conclusion of the district investigation, Dunn resigned his position with DCSD.

4) Commission investigative staff interviewed Dunn on August 12, 2021, at the DHS office in Roseburg, Oregon. During that interview, Dunn denied ever having physically touched KF. Commission investigative staff also asked Dunn about his relationship with MR, and he denied ever having a sexual relationship with her, or any other student over the course of his career. Dunn was asked why he had a reputation of being involved with students sexually, and he reported that he didn't know where it came from. Dunn reported that it was possible, while coaching, that he had touched a student on the back or shoulder but stated it was never done in a sexual manner.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (Refrain from exploiting professional relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal life), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations

1	at all times).
2 3	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based
4	upon ORS 342.175.
5	FINAL ORDER
6	The Commission hereby revokes Dunn's right to apply for an Oregon educator
7	license.
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9	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS Loth day of June, 2022.
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11	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
10	By: J. Rosilez
12 13	Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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15	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
16 17	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY
18	BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
19	SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
20	ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.