1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 3 4 In the Matter of the DEFAULT ORDER OF 5 6 **Educator License of**) REVOCATION AND REVOCATION VICTOR H. WOODS) OF RIGHT TO APPLY 7 8 On March 10, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued 9 a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Victor H. Woods (Woods) in which the Commission charged 10 him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail 11 and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7021 0350 0000 8183 8213 to the address on file with the 12 Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Notice sent Certified Mail was returned signed on March 15, 2022. The regular 13 14 First Class mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of 15 Opportunity of Hearing, dated March 10, 2022, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, 16 stated: 17 18 "IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR 19 RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO 20 REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT 21 REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, IF YOU FAIL TO 22 APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR 23 AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY 24 INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER 25 DISCIPLINE." 26 Woods did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Woods to be in default and 27 28 enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and 29 records of the Commission concerning this matter. 30 31 FINDINGS OF FACT 32 1. Victor H. Woods has been licensed by the Commission since April 30, 1992. Woods held a 33 Professional Teaching License, with an endorsement in Advanced Mathematics (PK-12), 34 valid from February 14, 2017, through March 14, 2022. During all relevant times, Woods 35 was employed by the Nyssa School District (NSD). 36 2. On October 19, 2019, the Commission received information from the NSD indicating 37 Woods may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. The information from the NSD alleged Woods surreptitiously recorded a 38 39 minor-aged female while the minor was undressing, taking a shower, and dressing in the 40 bathroom of Woods' residence in Idaho.

- 3. Investigation determined that on or about August 22, 2019, a twelve (12) year old female, who cohabitated at Woods' residence with her mother, discovered a cell phone actively recording the minor in the bathroom of Woods' home. The minor had undressed, taken a shower and was in the processes of getting dressed when she noticed Woods' cell phone propped up on the counter and facing the shower. When the minor picked up the phone, she noticed the device was actively recording. The minor stopped the recording and then deleted the video. Idaho State Police conducted a forensic examination of Woods' cell phone and located an approximately fifteen (15) minute video which had captured images the minor's nude buttocks, breasts and genital area.
 - 4. On January 15, 2020, Woods was arrested by Payette County Sheriff's officers for the felony crimes of Video Voyeurism; Child Sexual Exploitation; Possession of Child Sexually Exploitative Material; Sexual Abuse of a Child Under the Age of Sixteen Years; and Destruction, Alteration or Concealment of Evidence. On October 1, 2021, Woods appeared in Idaho's Third Judicial District Court for Payette County for sentencing after previously accepting a guilty plea and being convicted of the felony crimes of Possession of Child Sexually Exploitative Material, and Destruction, Alteration or Concealment of Evidence. The Court imposed a fifteen (15) year sentence upon Woods.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Victor H. Woods' criminal conviction as 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(5) (Use professional judgment); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty); and OAR 584-020-0040(1)(cc) (Has been convicted of any of the crimes listed in OORS 342.143, or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes if convicted in another jurisdiction or convicted of attempt to commit such crimes as defined in 161.4405).

This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction).

The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

| 1 | FINAL ORDER |
|----------|---|
| 2 | The Commission hereby revokes Victor H. Woods' Oregon Educator license and his right to |
| 3 | apply for licensure. |
| 4 | . +h |
| 5 | IT IS SO ORDERED THIS/3 to day of May, 2022. |
| 6 | |
| 7 | TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION |
| 8 | |
| | By: Anthony J. Rosilez |
| 10 | By: |
| 11 | Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director |
| 12 | |
| 13 | |
| 14 | NOWED OF APPEAL OF PROVING |
| 15 | NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS |
| 16 17 | YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE |
| 18 | OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF |
| 19 | THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO |
| 20 | THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS. |