1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
4 5 6 7	In the Matter of the)DEFAULT ORDER OFEducator License of)PUBLIC REPIMANDELIZABETH A. STANSFIELD)
8	On May 25, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
9	(Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Elizabeth A. Stansfield
10	(Stansfield) in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The
11	Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7021 0350
12	0000 8184 3187 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the
13	Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The signed
14	Certified Mail receipt was returned to the Commission on May 27, 2022. The regular,
15	First Class mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice
16	of Opportunity of Hearing, dated May 25, 2022, and signed by Anthony Rosilez,
17	Executive Director, stated:
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19	"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY
20 21	PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR
21	REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING,
23	WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR
24	AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT
25	APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF
26	DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF
27	YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."
28 29	On June 5, 2022, Stansfield replied to the Commission by letter and asserted she did not
30	want a hearing. On July 25, 2022, Stansfield contacted the Commission by letter and
31	asserted she did not want to participate in the matter. The Commission, therefore, finds
32	Stansfield to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law,
33	and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this
34	matter.
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1		FINDINGS OF FACT
2	1.	The Commission has licensed Elizabeth A. Stansfield since July 1, 1996. Stansfield
3		currently holds a Professional Teaching License, with an endorsement in Elementary
4		– Multiple Subjects (PK-12), valid from March 5, 2019, through March 22, 2024.
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6	2.	On April 27, 2021, the Commission was copied on a letter sent by a patron to an
7		Oregon school district declaring prior allegations of misconduct made against
8		Stansfield while she was a teacher in California, were unsubstantiated and any
9		subsequent discipline or employment actions taken against her were without merit.
10		After a review of the information by the Commission, an investigation was opened to
11		determine if allegations of Stansfield's past actions were violations Commission rules
12		and were gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness.
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14	3.	Investigation founded four (4) incidents of unnecessary physical contact by
15		Stansfield while she was interacting with disruptive students as a teacher in
16		California. These incidents, which occurred between 2010 and 2013, were
17		investigated by local law enforcement and the school district. The outcome of the
18		investigations did not result in any criminal charges being filed or any discipline by
19		the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
20 21	4	Investigation found that while Stansfield worked as a substitute teacher in October
22	4.	of the 2019-2020 school year at Fruitdale Elementary School, Three Rivers School
22		District (TRSD), she mentioned religious themes in class which were not part of the
2 <i>3</i> 24		lesson plan. The TRSD received two (2) patron complaints against Stansfield and on
2 4 25		October 25, 2019, the TRSD ceased using Stansfield as a substitute teacher at any of
23 26		the district's schools. On October 28, 2019, the Southern Oregon Education Service
20 27		District also ceased using Stansfield as a substitute teacher.
27		District also teased using Stalisheid as a substitute teacher.
20 29		CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
30		Elizabeth A. Stansfield's conduct described in section three (3) and four (4)
31	ab	ove, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-
32		0-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (<i>Use professional judgment</i>),

1	OAR 584-020-0015(2)(a) (Use of state and district adopted curriculum and goals),
2	OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (Skill in the supervision of students); 584-020-0025(2)(a)
3	(Establishing and maintaining classroom management that is conducive to learning),
4	584-020-0030(2)(b) (Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff,
5	parents and the public); and 584-020-0040(4)(d) (Unreasonable physical force
6	against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the school except as permitted under
7	ORS 339.250).
8	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
9	ORS 342.175.
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11	FINAL ORDER
12	The Commission hereby issues a Public Reprimand to Elizabeth A. Stansfield's
13	Oregon educator license.
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15	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS <u>15</u> day of September, 2022.
16	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
	By: Anthony & Rosiles
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18 19	Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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21	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
22 23	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY
23	BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
25	SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
26	ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.