

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                    )    **DEFAULT ORDER OF**  
5   License of    )    **REPRIMAND**  
6   **SKYLER O. BASCOM**                               )    

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9           On December 23, 2022, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
10 (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Skyler O. Bascom (Bascom) in  
11 which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S.  
12 First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7021 0350 0000 8183 8145 to the address  
13 on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for  
14 purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was not returned to the  
15 Commission. The first-class mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed  
16 delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated December 23, 2022, and signed by  
17 Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:

18                   **“IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY**  
19                   **PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED**  
20                   **UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR**  
21                   **REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW**  
22                   **YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR**  
23                   **NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE**  
24                   **COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE**  
25                   **THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER**  
26                   **DISCIPLINE.”**

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28           Bascom did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Bascom to be in default  
29 and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the  
30 files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

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32                   **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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34   1)   **The Commission has licensed Bascom since October 17, 2017. Bascom holds a**  
35           **Preliminary School Counselor License, with an endorsement in School Counselor**  
36           **(PK-12), valid from July 10, 2019, through September 13, 2022. During all relevant**  
37           **times, Bascom was employed by the Sweet Home School District (SHSD).**

- 1 2) On May 17, 2021, the Commission received a School District Misconduct Report from  
2 the superintendent of the SHSD. The report indicated that on May 12, 2021, Bascom,  
3 School Counselor at the Sweet Home Junior High School (SHJHS), was arrested for  
4 Criminal Trespass in the second degree.  
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- 6 3) Investigation determined that on May 11, 2020, Bascom was asked by her supervisor  
7 to comply with district/state facemask requirements. Via district email, later the  
8 same day, Bascom explained to her supervisor why she had an issue with the masking  
9 requirement. The following day, on May 12, 2020, Bascom reported for work, but  
10 ultimately opted to cancel her appointments and remain alone in her office. At  
11 1:15PM Bascom was given a directive from her supervisor to leave campus based on  
12 her non-compliance with the masking requirement. At 1:50PM, the Sweet Home  
13 Police Department responded to the school. At that time, Bascom was informed she  
14 was being placed on administrative leave and needed to leave the building. Bascom  
15 was told that if she did not leave, she would be arrested and charged with  
16 Trespassing. Bascom did not comply and was arrested and removed from campus.  
17 The district placed Bascom on administrative leave until the expiration of her  
18 contract, June 30, 2020.  
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- 20 4) On September 14, 2021, Bascom interviewed with TSPC Investigative staff. During  
21 that interview, Bascom stated that she is not against COVID vaccines or masks but  
22 merely had strong convictions against not wearing one outside and with students or  
23 alone in her office. Bascom reported that she felt the only way she could leave her  
24 office without wearing a mask was by being arrested and escorted out of the building  
25 by police. Bascom reported feeling trapped and stated there was a lot of  
26 miscommunication between her and district staff that day.

### 27 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

28 The above conduct described in section two (2) above, constitutes gross neglect of  
29 duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it  
30 incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-  
31 0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*), OAR 584-020-

1 0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the*  
2 *profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and*  
3 *honesty*).

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5 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
6 342.175.


7 **FINAL ORDER**

8 The Commission hereby issues a public reprimand upon Skyler O. Bascom's Educator  
9 licensure.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

13 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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15 By:   
16 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

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22 **YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW**  
23 **MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM**  
24 **THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE**  
25 **PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.**