1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON	
4 5	In the Matter of the DEFAULT ORDER OF Educator License of DENIAL OF APPLICATION	
6 7	SCOTT A. PFEIFFER) & REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO APPLY	
8	On June 30, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission	
9	(Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Scott A. Pfeiffer, (Pfeiffer)	
10	in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and /or Gross	
11	Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt	
12	7018 1830 0001 6178 3000 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice	
13	designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case) -
14	The Certified Mail receipt was returned to the Commission signed. The regular first	
15	class mail was not returned to the Commission, and assumed delivered. The Notice of	
16	Opportunity of Hearing, dated June 20, 2020, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executiv	л е
17	Director, stated:	
18 19	"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED	
20 21	UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING,	
22	WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR	
23	AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT	
24 25	APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF	
26	YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."	
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28	On May 10, 2022, TSPC Investigative staff sent Pfeiffer a final email regarding a	
29	settlement and sent a deadline for Pfeiffer to respond before 5PM on May 23, 2022. The	e
30	email indicated that failure to respond would result in the case moving into default. As	
31	of June 6, 2022 TSPC received no response from Pfeiffer. The Commission, therefore,	
32	finds Pfeiffer to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of	
33	law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this	
34	matter.	
35	FINDING OF FACT	
36	1. Pfeiffer previously held a Charter School Registry – Teacher, with endorsements in	
37	Biology (PK-12); Chemistry (PK-12); and Physical Education, valid from October 22	·,

1		2013, through June 4, 2017. Pfeiffer submitted an application for a Preliminary
2		Teaching License to the Commission on July 29, 2019. Pfeiffer's application for
3		Oregon licensure is currently pending the Commission's decision.
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5	2.	On September 12, 2017, TSPC learned from the Virginia Department of Education
6		that Pfeiffer had been arrested in Virginia on multiple violent felony crimes in
7		August of 2017. At the time TSPC became aware of these arrests, Pfeiffer's
8		background check for his Preliminary Teaching License was still pending.
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10	3.	TSPC staff investigated this matter and obtained copies of police reports related to a
11		criminal incident involving Pfeiffer and his wife on August 20, 2017, in Roanoke
12		County, Virginia. According to police reports, officers responded to a domestic
13		disturbance in a hotel parking lot. Officers observed injuries to Pfeiffer's pregnant
14		wife's neck, and she reported that he had grabbed her, strangled her, and shoved her.
15		Responding officers report that Pfeiffer failed to follow their commands and began to
16		verbally abuse them and his wife. Pfeiffer was notified that he was being placed
17		under arrest. Pfeiffer then resisted and fought officers while being handcuffed.
18		During the struggle, Pfeiffer grabbed a female officer by the neck and wrestled with
19		another. Additionally, it is reported that he spat on officers and intentionally
20		defecated in the officer's patrol car. Patrol car video recorded Pfeiffer making the
21		following statements to a female officer while she was transporting him to jail:
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23		 "I bet you have a dick. What are you, a hermaphrodite and have a penis and a
24		vagina? I know you hear me you dirty cunt."
25		 "Baby, I'm going to fuck you so hard in your ass with a broomstick and tear
26		your clitoris to pieces, never be useful again, husband never want you."
27		"Mind if I take a shit in your back seat?"
28		• "Hey bitch, I see the back of your head. How beautiful it would look if it were
29		exploded. Who would raise your retarded children? Your faggot husband? I
30		bet your pussy smells."

1	 "You're lucky your cop friends were around. I would have brought you down,
2	ripped your pants off and fucked you right in a ditch."
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4	The police investigation documented the injuries to Pfeiffer's wife and the arresting
5	officers via photograph.
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7	4. On October 19, 2017, Pfeiffer was indicted on two counts of strangulation and two
8	counts of assault and battery on law enforcement. Pfeiffer pled not guilty by reason
9	of insanity on all charges. The charges were ultimately dismissed on July 9, 2019,
10	after Pfeiffer completed a period of drug/alcohol rehabilitation and mental health
11	assessment/treatment.
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13	5. TSPC attempted to contact Pfeiffer at your last known address on September 22,
14	2017, via certified mail, which was at the Western Virginia Regional Jail. On Januar
15	17, 2020, TSPC obtained a new address for Pfeiffer, and sent a letter to him
16	requesting an interview. The letter contained instructions for Pfeiffer, or his
17	attorney, to contact TSPC within fourteen days upon receipt to schedule an
18	interview. The letter also informed Pfeiffer that if he or his attorney failed to contact
19	TSPC, he may be charged with failure or refusal by an educator under investigation
20	to respond to requests for information or to participate in interviews with a
21	Commission representative (OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p)). As of March 11, 2020,
22	TSPC did not received a return receipt for the Certified Mail letter and neither letter
23	has been returned as undeliverable.
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25	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
26	The criminal arrests as described in sections three (3) and four (4) above,
27	constitute gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-
28	0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment). This
29	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

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1	plea, no contest plea or any other means); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(d) (Commission of
2	an act listed in OAR 584-020-0040(1); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission of or
3	engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction).
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5	The conduct underlying in the convictions and arrests, as described in sections
6	three (3) and four (4) above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
7	342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use
8	professional judgment); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR 584-
9	020-0035(3)(a)(Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the
10	law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty). Additionally, the criminal arrests
11	and conduct related to the arrests constitute "gross unfitness" in violation of ORS
12	342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(3)(c) and (d) as defined by OAR 584-020-0040 (5)
13	(Gross unfitness is any conduct which renders an educator unqualified to perform his
14	or her professional responsibilities).
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16	Additionally, the conduct described in section five (5) above constitutes gross
17	neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p) (Subject to
18	the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or refusal by an educator under
19	investigation to respond to requests for information, to furnish documents or to
20	participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission
21	investigation).
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23	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based
24	upon ORS 342.175.
25	FINAL ORDER
26	The Commission hereby denies Pfeiffer's application for licensure and revokes his
27	right to apply for future licensure.
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29	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 16 th day of June, 2022.
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TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 1 2 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director 3 5 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS 6 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY 7 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE 8 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 9 ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS. 10