

BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
Educator License of)	REVOCATION AND REVOCATION
)	OF RIGHT TO APPLY
JASON B. JACKSON)	FOR LICENSURE

On March 20, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Jason B. Jackson (Jackson) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7018 1830 0001 6178 7350 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail Return Receipt was signed and returned to the Commission on March 27, 2020. The regular first class mail was not returned to the Commission and is assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated March 20, 2020, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:

“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, 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.”

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jason Jackson has been licensed by the Commission since July 24, 2006. Jackson’s Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in English Language Arts (PK-12), was valid from December 18, 2015, through December 27, 2018. During all relevant times, Jackson was employed by the Bend-LaPine School District (BLSD).

2. On July 12, 2018, the Commission received a report form BLS D indicating that Jackson had been arrested on June 6, 2018, on multiple felony counts of ORS 163.684, Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the First Degree and ORS 163.686, Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree. BLS D placed Jackson on administrative leave and advised that the alleged criminal conduct had not taken place at school or on school time. According to police reports, Jackson had knowingly downloaded, viewed and stored multiple images of child pornography on his home computer. On August 23, 2018, Jackson submitted his resignation of employment, which was accepted on August 27, 2018.
3. On June 13, 2018, Jackson was accused by the Deschutes County Grand Jury of twelve felony counts of ORS 163.684 Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the First Degree and twelve felony counts of ORS 163.686 Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree. On November 18, 2019, as part of a plea agreement, Jackson was convicted and sentenced in the Deschutes County Circuit Court on three felony counts of ORS 163.684, Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the First Degree. The other counts were dismissed. Jackson was sentenced to eight months in jail and 36 months of supervised probation, including sex offender registration.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Jason B. Jackson's criminal convictions as described in section three (3) above, constitute 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*); and OAR 584-020-0040(1) (*The Commission will deny, revoke or deny the right to apply for a license or charter school registration to any applicant or educator who, has been convicted of any of the crimes listed in ORS 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 ORS 161.405*), including ORS 163.684 – Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the First Degree. 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); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(d) (Commission of an act listed in OAR 584-020-0040(1); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction).

Pursuant to ORS 342.175(3) and OAR 584-020-0040(1) the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission must revoke Jackson's license and / or Jackson's right to apply for a license based on Jackson's conviction of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143(3)(a), or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes, or convicted of attempt to commit such crimes as defined in ORS 161.405.

Furthermore, the conduct underlying Jackson's convictions as described in section two (2) 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*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) 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*).

Additionally, Jackson's criminal convictions and conduct related to his convictions constitute "gross unfitness" in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(3)(c) and (d) as defined by OAR 584-020-0040 (5) (*Gross unfitness is any conduct which renders an educator unqualified to perform his or her professional responsibilities*).


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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Jason B. Jackson's Educator license and his right to apply for licensure.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 14th day of May, 2020.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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