

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.
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- 21 4. Investigation found that while Stansfield worked as a substitute teacher in October
22 of the 2019-2020 school year at Fruitdale Elementary School, Three Rivers School
23 District (TRSD), she mentioned religious themes in class which were not part of the
24 lesson plan. The TRSD received two (2) patron complaints against Stansfield and on
25 October 25, 2019, the TRSD ceased using Stansfield as a substitute teacher at any of
26 the district’s schools. On October 28, 2019, the Southern Oregon Education Service
27 District also ceased using Stansfield as a substitute teacher.
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29 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

30 Elizabeth A. Stansfield’s conduct described in section three (3) and four (4)
31 above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-
32 020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*),

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 15th day of September, 2022.

16 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

17 By: 
18 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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21 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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23 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY
24 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.