1 2	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON	
3 4	In the Matter of the DEFAULT ORDER OF	
5	Educator License of) REVOCATION OF	
6 7	THOMAS P. DIXON) LICENSURE	
8	On August 17, 2021, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issu	ıed
9	a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Thomas P. Dixon (Dixon) in which the Commission charge	ed
10	him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was	
11	sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7021 0350 0000 8183 7766 to the	
12	address on file with the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing designated the	
13	Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Notice of Opportun	iity
14	for Hearing sent Certified Mail was returned as unclaimed. The regular first class mail was not	
15	returned to the Commission, and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, date	:d
16	August 17, 2021, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:	
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	"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 OF 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 ME INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE." Dixon did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Dixon to be in default and entitle following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of Commission concerning this matter.	TO IOT TO EAR AY
30 31	FINDINGS OF FACT	
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32	1. Thomas P. Dixon has been licensed by the Commission since September 22, 1998. Di	xon
33	holds a Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in Social Studies (PK-12) a	nd
34	Legacy Middle Level (PK-12), valid from June 17, 2020, through October 6, 2025. Du	ring
35	all relevant times, Dixon was employed by the Bandon School District (BSD).	
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37	2. On February 21, 2021, the Commission received information from the BSD indicating	
38	Dixon may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty. Specifically, the	he

1	BSD reported that on or about December 18, 2020, Dixon left his position without	
2	providing the required sixty (60) days' notice of resignation to the District.	
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4	3. Investigation determined Dixon provided a letter, dated November 19, 2020, to the	e
5	superintendent, the principal at Harbor Lights Middle School, and the school boar	d,
6	announcing his resignation and a request the district release Dixon from his contra	act.
7	On or about December 18, 2020, the last day of school before the District's winter	
8	break, Dixon submitted a handwritten note to the superintendent indicating Dixor	ı's
9	last day would be the day the students returned to school after the break. Dixon w	ote
10	he was sorry for not providing sixty (60) days' notice and that if the district did no	t
11	release him from his contract and reported him to the Commission, Dixon would r	ıot
12	need a license as he was leaving the education field.	
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14	4. On April 20, 2021, a Commission investigator sent Dixon a letter to schedule an in	terview
15	in the matter. On April 26, 2021, Dixon emailed the investigator and wrote that he	had no
16	intention to return to teaching and he was not interested in participating in a Com	missio
17	interview.	
18	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW	
19	Thomas P. Dixon's conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violati	on of
20	ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use	
21	professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rul	es and
22	regulations); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(j) (Resignation from a contract in violation of ORS 34.	2. <i>553</i>);
23	and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p) (Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure	or
24	refusal by an educator under investigation to respond to request for information, to furnish	or to
25	participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission	
26	investigation).	
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28	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 34	2.175.
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30	FINAL ORDER	
31	The Commission hereby revokes Thomas P. Dixon's Oregon Educator license.	
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33	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS day of October, 2021.	

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	By: Anthony J. Rosiles
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6	Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director
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10	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
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12	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
13	OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF
14	THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO
15	THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.