

1 2. On October 28, 2021, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) transferred a
2 sexual misconduct investigation on Stevens to the Commission as Stevens was a
3 student teacher and under TSPC's jurisdiction.
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5 On April 23, 2021, the ESD filed a Sexual Misconduct report with ODE alleging that
6 he had sexually assaulted a former SPED student (EA). Law enforcement was
7 notified, and a criminal investigation was initiated.
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9 3. The ESD substantiated the allegations against Stevens after completion of an
10 investigation by ESD and the Eugene Police Department (EPD). Direct witness and
11 victim testimony confirmed that Stevens engaged in sexual contact with EA. The
12 sexual contact included kissing, oral sex, digital penetration, and sexual intercourse.
13 Additionally, the ESD determined that Stevens failed to cooperate with their
14 investigation by refusing to answer questions, providing vague, inaccurate and/or
15 incomplete answers to questions. Per ESD documents, Stevens resigned his position
16 with the district on June 8, 2021. The Lane County District Attorney's office was
17 unable to charge Stevens criminally due in part to the age and cognitive abilities of
18 the victim.
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20 4. The Commission attempted to contact Stevens to arrange for an interview regarding
21 this incident, multiple times. Below are the listed contacts and attempted contacts by
22 Commission staff:
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24 • On January 11, 2022, Commission Investigative Staff sent a request to
25 interview letter to Stevens' last known address in Eugene, OR. This is the last
26 address proved the Commission as well as law enforcement. He did not
27 respond to this letter.
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29 • On March 8, 2022, Commission Investigative Staff left a telephone message
30 for Stevens at the last known number of record provided ESD. The call was
31 not returned.

1 As of the writing of this Notice of Hearing, Commission staff has yet to receive a
2 response from Stevens.

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4 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5 The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
6 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1)
7 (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR
8 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using*
9 *district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it
10 incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (*Refrain from exploiting professional*
11 *relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues*),
12 OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally*
13 *inappropriate interest in a student's personal life*), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D)
14 (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations*
15 *at all times*).

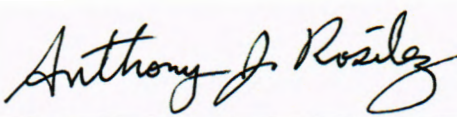
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17 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based
18 upon ORS 342.175.

19 **FINAL ORDER**

20 The Commission hereby revokes Steven's right to apply for an Oregon teaching
21 license for a period of one (1) year.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 10 day of May, 2023.

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25 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

26 By: 
27 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

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29 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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