1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 3 4 5 In the Matter of the DEFAULT ORDER OF **Educator License of**) REVOCATION AND REVOKE 6 ANDREW B. HAMMOND) RIGHT TO APPLY 7 8 9 10 On May 23, 2024, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued an Amended Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Andrew B. 11 Hammond (Hammond) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of 12 13 Duty and /or Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. 14 Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 0408 4720 48 to the address on file with the 15 Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of 16 proving a prima facie case. The Notice was confirmed delivered by a signed USPS 17 certified mail receipt on June 4, 2024. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated May 18 23, 2024, and signed by Melissa Goff, Executive Director, stated: 19 20 "IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY 21 PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED 22 UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR 23 REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, 24 WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR 25 AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT 26 APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF 27 DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF 28 YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE." 29 30 As of the writing of this Default Order, the Commission has yet to hear from 31 Hammond. The Commission, therefore, finds Hammond to be in default and enters the 32 following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter. 33 34 35 FINDING OF FACT 1. The Commission has licensed Hammond since April 6, 2021. Hammond currently 36 37 holds a Reciprocal Teaching License with an endorsement in Elementary; Multiple 38 Subjects (PK-12). The license was issued on April 6, 2021 and expired on April 6,

2		School District (MSD).
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4	2.	On October 28, 2019, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC)
5		received a DHS cross report that indicated that Hammond had been arrested in
6		Redmond, Washington for attempting to meet with two teenage females for sex.
7		According to DHS documents, Hammond communicated with undercover law
8		enforcement officials in the State of Washington who were conducting an operation
9		regarding the sexual exploitation of children. The report indicates that Hammond
10		communicated with law enforcement officers who had been posing as teenage
11		females, ages thirteen (13) and fourteen (14). Per law enforcement records,
12		$Hammond\ continued\ to\ communicate\ with\ officers\ after\ they\ identified\ themselves$
13		as minor aged females. The age of consent in Washington State is sixteen (16) years
14		of age. On March 25, 2022, Hammond traveled in his personal vehicle to Redmond
15		Washington with the intention of meeting the two underaged females at a hotel for
16		sex.
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18	3.	Investigation by the Redmond Police Department (RPD) revealed the following:
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20		• On or about October 12, 2021, RPD began conducting an undercover operation
21		targeting individuals who solicit sexual abuse of minors on the internet.
22		• RPD detectives established an account on the social media/dating platform
23		"MeetMe."
24		• The MeetMe account created by RPD depicted a profile of an account of two
25		minor-aged females, ages thirteen (13) and fourteen (14).
26		RPD began online communications through the MeetMe account with an
27		individual with the username "jackwalker625."
28		• RPD determined that "jackwalker625" was an account own by Hammond.
29		• RPD detectives revealed to Hammond that they were 13 and 14 years old, and
30		Hammond continued to communicate with them.

2022. During all relevant times, Hammond was employed by the McMinnville

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- During the communication, Hammond revealed that he was a schoolteacher in
 the Portland, Oregon area.
- Hammond continued to communication with RPD during the month of
 November, 2021, and the conversation turned sexual.

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- RPD records of Hammond's communication reveal that he told RPD detectives that the girls were too young for him to have sex with. During one of the conversations, Hammond stated that you could go to jail for having sex with them unless they were at least 16 years of age.
 - Records indicate that Hammond began sharing with RPD detectives that he had
 fantasies about having sex with underage females, and stated that he enjoyed
 teaching and helping girls have their first sexual encounters.
 - Hammond told RPD that he was interest in meeting up with the girls for sex at a hotel in Redmond.
 - Hammond provided RPD his personal cell phone number and began communicating with RPD detectives directly.
 - Hammond continued to communicate RPD detectives through March of 2022,
 and began discussing what sexual acts he wanted to perform on the girls.
 - Hammond secured a hotel reservation at the WoodBridge Suites Hotel in Redmond, Washington for March 25, 2022.
 - Hammond arrived at the hotel at 11:48AM on March 25, 2022, and checked-in
 with the front desk, and were given the keys to his room.
 - Upon entering his hotel room, Hammond was taken into custody by RPD
 detectives for the crimes of Communicating with a Minor for Immoral Purposes,
 Attempted Rape of a Child in the Second Degree, and Attempted Rape of a Child
 in the Third Degree.
 - During a search of Hammond's person and his personal property subsequent to arrest, it was discovered that Hammond was in possession of a "sex kit" which included condoms, handcuffs, furry neck collars, leashes, paddles, whips, black duct tape, sex toys, bottles of lubricants and snacks.

1	 At the time of his arrest, Hammond admitted to RPD detectives that he had come
2	to the hotel in Redmond with the intention of having sex with the girls and
3	admitted that he was attracted to minor aged females.
4	 On June 29, 2023, Hammond was convicted of Attempted Rape of a Child by
5	King County Superior Court and was sentenced to 58.5 months in prison.
6	Additionally, the sentence requires Hammond to register as a sex offender, have
7	no minor contact, and directs that Hammond be on "community supervision"
8	(parole) for life.
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0	4. On April 2, 2024, Hammond was interviewed by TSPC investigative staff via
1	telephone. During the interview, Hammond admitted to the facts listed above.
12	Hammond concluded the interview by indicating that this matter was a "horrible
3	mistake" that has derailed his life. Hammond reported that he is "ashamed,
4	disgusted, and sad" about the choices that brought him to his current situation.
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6	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
7	Under ORS 342.175(2) and OAR 584, Division 020, the Commission will deny,
8	revoke or deny the right to apply for a license or charter school registration to any
9	applicant or educator who, has been convicted of any of the crimes listed in ORS
20	342.143, or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes if convicted in another
21	jurisdiction or convicted of attempt to commit such crimes as defined in 161.405.
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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 revokes Hammond's Oregon teaching license and
27	revokes his right to apply for a license.
28	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 10 day of September, 2024.
9	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By:

Melissa Goff, 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.