1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 2 3 4 OF THE STATE OF OREGON In the Matter of the DEFAULT ORDER OF 5 6 7 8 Educator License of) REVOCATION AND REVOKE MEGAN M. OROSCO RIGHT TO APPLY 9 10 On July 11, 2024, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 11 (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Megan M. Orosco (Orosco) 12 in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty and /or Gross 13 Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 2162 7855 87 to Orosco and her attorney, at the last known addresses 14 15 on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The mailed notices were not returned to the 16 17 Commission and were assumed delivered. On September 9, 2024, the Commission 18 emailed a copy of the Notice to Orosco's attorney, James Devecchio (Devecchio). 19 Devecchio replied to the email and notified the Commission that he no longer represents 20 Orosco. On September 9, 2024, the Commission emailed the Notice to the last known 21 email address on file with the Commission. The email indicated that a response by Orosco would be needed before September 30, 2024, or the case would move into 22 23 default. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated May 23, 2024, and signed by Melissa Goff, Interim Executive Director, stated: 24 25 "IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY 26 PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED 27 UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR 28 REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR 29 AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT 30 31 APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF 32 DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF 33 YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE." 34 As of the writing of this Default Order, the Commission has yet to hear from 35 Orosco. The Commission, therefore, finds Orosco to be in default and enters the 36 37 following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and 38 records of the Commission concerning this matter.

FINDING OF FACT

1. The Commission has licensed Orosco since February 18, 2022. Orosco holds a 2 Restricted Teaching License, with an endorsement in Advanced Mathematics, (PK-3 12); valid from November 4, 2022 and expired on June 30, 2023. During all relevant 4 times, Orosco was employed by the South Umpqua School District (SUSD) as a 5 teacher at South Umpqua High School (SUHS). 6

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2. On September 11, 2023, the Commission received a misconduct report from the SUSD Superintendent Paul Hillyer (Hillyer) alleging that Orosco engaged in inappropriate communication with a male high school student (KB) via text message. Additionally, the same alleged conduct was reported to the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). The DHS report further alleged that Orosco had sexually abused student KB and had sent him a nude photograph of her buttocks.

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3. Investigation by DHS, law enforcement and the district found that Orosco engaged in highly inappropriate sexual conduct with KB. Multiple text and picture messages were reviewed that were shared between Orosco and KB from approximately April 15, 2023 through August 26, 2023. The content of the messages was highly sexual in nature, and the picture messages Orosco sent KB involved photos of Orosco either nude, or wearing lingerie or underwear. Some of the text messages Orosco sent to KB included invitations for KB to come over to drink at her home while her husband was away. Additionally, a review of cell phone records revealed eighteen (18) instances of direct telephonic communication between Orosco and KB between April 7, 2023 and 24 September 2, 2023. Law enforcement declined to press criminal charges in this matter, however DHS founded the matter for "threat of harm, demonstrating poor 26 professional boundaries and a clear intent to groom and/or engage in sexual activity" with KB. 28

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4. During this investigation Orosco was placed on administrative leave. On September 12, 2023 Orosco resigned from the district.

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1	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
2	The conduct as described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
3	ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual conduct with a student) as
4	defined by OAR 584-020-0005(8) and ORS 339.370(12)(a). The conduct described
5	above also constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR
6	584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (Recognize the worth
7	and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use
8	professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and
9	reasonable rules and regulations); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR
10	584-020-0035(1)(b) (Refrain from exploiting professional relationships with any
11	student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues), OAR 584-020-
12	0035(1)(c)(A) (Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest
13	in a student's personal life), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate
14	adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times).
15	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based
16	upon ORS 342.175.
17	FINAL ORDER
18	The Commission hereby revokes Orosco's Oregon teaching license and revokes
19	her right to apply for a license.
20	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 30 day of September, 2024.
21	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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23	Melissa Goff, Interim Executive Director
24 25 26	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
26 27 28 29	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
30	ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS