1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
4 5 6 7	In the Matter of the) DEFAULT ORDER OF Teaching License of) LICENSE SUSPENSION AMANDA SUSAN MCMAHAN-ORENDORFF)
8	On April 7, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued
9	a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Amanda Susan McMahan-Orendorff (McMahan-
10	Orendorff) in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross
11	Unfitness pursuant to OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n), OAR 584-020-0010(5), OAR 584-020-
12	0040(4)(0), OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a), OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c)and OAR 584-020-
13	0040(5)(c). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7010
14	0290 0001 6831 3896 to the address on file with the Commission. Neither the Certified Mail
15	nor the regular mail were not returned to the Commission, and are assumed delivered. The
16	Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated April 7, 2011, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain,
17	Executive Director, stated:
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	"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 TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."
26	McMahan-Orendorff did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds McMahan-
27	Orendorff to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order,
28	based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.
29	FINDINGS OF FACT
30	1. McMahan-Orendorff has been licensed as a teacher in Oregon since September 11, 2007.
31	Her Initial I Teaching License, with endorsements in Language Arts (HS, ML), Multiple
32	Subjects (MIDLVL), and Social Studies (HS, ML), issued on September 11, 2007, expired
33	on December 16, 2010. McMahan-Orendorff timely applied for renewal. During all
34	relevant times, she was employed by the Portland Public School District.
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1 2. On May 20, 2010, McMahan-Orendorff was convicted of Theft in the First Degree (ORS 2 164.055) a Class C Felony. This conviction arose from McMahan-Orendorff's theft of 3 approximately \$6,459 from the Portland Rescue Mission's Children Center. 4 3. During a December 20, 2010, interview with a Commission investigator, McMahan-5 Orendorff said that she took responsibility for the theft but denied personally stealing 6 the money. On February 5, 2010, McMahan-Orendorff signed a statement admitting to 7 Portland Rescue Mission staff that she stole approximately \$6,459. 8 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** 9 Christine A. McMahan-Orendorff' conduct described in #2 above constitutes gross 10 neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates 11 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it 12 incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting 13 the and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty). This conduct also 14 constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) 15 (Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final 16 judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of quilty plea, no contest plea or any 17 other means). 18 McMahan-Orendorff's conduct as described in #3 above constitutes gross neglect of duty 19 in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-20 0010(5) (Use professional judgment); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Knowing falsification of 21 any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or 22 professional duties). 23 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 24 342.175. 25 /// 26 /// 27 /// 28 111

FINAL ORDER The Commission hereby suspends Amanda Susan McMahan-Orendorff's Initial I Teaching License for thirty (30) days. TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 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.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing notice of final order, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Amanda Susan. McMahan-Orendorff 14714 SE Main St. Portland, OR 97233-2649

Dated this 4

_day of May, 2011.

By:

Melody Hanson Executive Assista