BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the

DEFAULT ORDER OF DENIAL OF TEACHING LICENSE

Teaching License ofRonald Lee Lyford

On March 29, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ronald Lee Lyford (Lyford) in which the Commission charged him with misconduct under ORS 342.175. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7004 2510 0002 6791 0006 to the address obtained by the Commission. The certified mail receipt was signed by the educator and returned to the Commission on April 7, 2005. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated March 29, 2005, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

"You, Ronald Lee Lyford, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2)."

Mr. Lyford did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Mr.Lyford to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On April 19, 2004, Mr. Lyford signed and submitted an Application for Educator License Form C-1 requesting a Transitional Teaching License.
- 2. On the character question section of the application, Mr. Lyford responded affirmatively to question 1, "Have you ever left any educational or school-related employment, voluntarily or involuntarily, while the subject of an inquiry, review or investigation of alleged misconduct...?" and question 7, "Have you ever been disciplined by any public agency responsible for licensure of any kind, including but not limited to educational licensure?"

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	3. On March 8, 1995, while serving as a substitute teacher, at Minnehaha Elementary,
2	Vancouver, Washington, Mr. Lyford pushed, hit students and made comments regarding their
3	mental capacity. Mr. Lyford was reprimanded by the Washington Superintendent of Public
4	Instruction for this misconduct.
5	4. On August 2, 2004, the Commission wrote to Mr. Lyford requesting that he provide
6	evidence in support of fitness to serve as an Oregon educator. Ms. Lyford did not respond.
7	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
8	Pursuant to OAR 584-050-0006(5) and ORS 342.143 the Executive Director may deny
9	issuance of a license based upon evidence that the applicant may lack fitness to serve as an
10	educator. Mr. Lyford failed to provide evidence that he possesses fitness to serve as an
11	educator. The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
12	342.175.
13	ORDER
14	The Commission hereby denies the application of Ronald Lee Lyford for a Transitional
15	Teaching License.
16	IT IS SO ORDERED this 28th day of April, 2005.
17	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
18 19 20	By: Victoria Chambellain, Executive Director
21 22	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
23 24 25 26 27	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

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3	I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof certified by me
4	as such by regular U.S. mail and by U.S. Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested, addressed
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7	Ronald Lee Lyford
8	421 Sykes Circle #2
9	Rio Rico, AZ 85648
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11	Dated this _//day of May 2005.
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