

1                     BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION  
2   OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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4     In the Matter of the                     )            DEFAULT ORDER OF DENIAL  
5     Teaching License of                   )            OF TEACHING LICENSE  
6     VINCENT KIRIZA CHIRIMWAMI           )            )

7                     On February 10, 2009, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)  
8                     issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Vincent Kiriza Chirimwami (Chirimwami) in which  
9                     the Commission denied licensure based on ORS 342.143(2) and ORS 342.175 through ORS  
10                    342.190. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7008  
11                    1140 0002 8581 2492 to the address Chirimwami provided to the Commission. The certified  
12                    mail receipt was signed by the educator and returned to the Commission on February 21, 2009.  
13                    The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 10, 2009, and signed by Victoria  
14                    Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

15                    "You, Vincent Kiriza Chirimwami, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action  
16                    of the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a  
17                    hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached  
18                    to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights  
19                    of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS  
20                    183.413(2)."

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

25   **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 26                    1. On or about September 5, 2008, Chirimwami signed and submitted an Application for  
27                    Educator License Form C-1 for an Emergency Teaching License with a Special  
28                    Education endorsement authorized at the high school level, upon which Chirimwami  
29                    indicated that he was currently enrolled at Portland State University and expected to  
30                    receive his bachelor's degree in June of 2009.

1 2. On September 5, 2008, the Commission received a letter from the applying school district.  
2 The letter from the district in support of Chirimwami's application does not mention  
3 circumstances related to the protection of the district's programs or students requiring this  
4 licensure prior to the completion of Chirimwami's educator preparation program.

5 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

6 Oregon Administrative Rule 584-060-0210 allows the Executive Director to consider  
7 academic preparation and experience before issuing an Emergency Teaching License. Without  
8 a bachelor's degree, Chirimwami is not eligible for admission into the special education program  
9 at the Portland State University Graduate School of Education. Special Education is a very  
10 specialized area of education practice that requires extensive preparation in order to work with  
11 special needs children. In its September 5, 2008, letter to the Commission, the applying school  
12 district did not demonstrate extenuating circumstances necessitating the granting of this license  
13 in order to protect the district's programs and its students sufficiently to merit the issuance of the  
14 license as required by OAR 584-060-0210(1).

15 **ORDER**

16 The Commission hereby denies the application of Vincent Kiriza Chirimwami for an  
17 Oregon Teaching License.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

19 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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21 By: Victoria Chamberlain  
22 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
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24 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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26 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE  
27 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE  
28 OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS  
29 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

Vincent Kiriza Chirimwami  
10941 SE Bush St. Apt. 18  
Portland OR 97266

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

By: Melody Hanson  
Melody Hanson, Executive Assistant