BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON In the Matter of the DEFAULT ORDER OF Educator License of REVOCATION OF ALEXANDER JOSEPH TAYLOR OF RIGHT TO APPLY On December 17, 2013, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission (Commission and Practices Commission) sissued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Alexander Joseph Taylor (Taylor) in which	nmission) ich the st Class
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10 Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. Fir	
Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7012 1010 0003 2804 2414 to the address on file	with the
12 Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of	proving a
prima facie case. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated December 17, 2013, and	l signed
14 by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:	
"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY P YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS T FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE C IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WH INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OT DISCIPLINE."	YOUR ONTROL. ICH MAY
Taylor contacted the Commission via email and advised he "Saw no need for a hearing	". The
24 Commission, therefore, finds Taylor to be in default and enters the following findings	of fact,
25 conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission of	oncerning
26 this matter.	
27 FINDINGS OF FACT	
28 1. Taylor been licensed as a teacher in Oregon since July 11, 2007. Taylor's Initial I To	eaching
29 License, with endorsements in Integrated Science (HS), and Chemistry (HS), was in	ssued on
August 13, 2010, and expired on August 12, 2013. Taylor did not submit an applica	tion for
renewal. On August 1, 2013, Taylor mailed the Commission a copy of his paper lice	nse, with
a letter advising the Commission he wanted to "forfeit" his license. During all relev	ant times,
Taylor was employed by the Oregon City School District.	
2. On May 24, 2013, the Commission received information from the Oregon City Sch	ool
35 District indicating Taylor had committed acts of unprofessional conduct. Investiga	
the Commission, the school district, and local law enforcement identified the follow	
37 unprofessional conduct:	Ü
a. Taylor failed to maintain professional boundaries with students. Taylor shared	

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photographs with students using the digital application "Snapchat". Snapchat is

- designed to automatically delete a sender's photograph or video. Snapchat is often used to send sensitive materials, including nudity or related material.
 - b. During the course of the complaint investigation, female student DB told investigators
 that during the 2012-13 school year, she had sent Taylor 40 50 photographs of herself.
 DB informed investigators of the following information regarding inappropriate
 communications between Taylor and DB:
 - DB indicated one night she sent Taylor a Snapchat that read, "Shower time", and Taylor replied, "Unzip a little".
 - DB said she sent Taylor a picture of her in a zip up jacket, unzipped to show her sports bra.
 - When DB informed Taylor the school wanted to talk to her about the Snapchats, Taylor replied, "Stop now. Delete everything. Don't contact me anymore."
 - Taylor then changed his Snapchat user name and told DB to make a separate Snapchat user name.
 - When DB asked Taylor why, Taylor replied, "I don't look good in orange". When DB asked Taylor what that meant, Taylor replied, "Jail colors are orange."
 - DB then created a separate Snapchat user name.

- DB said Taylor offered to drive her home on two occasions, but she did not go with him.
- DB said Taylor asked her to come to his apartment in West Linn, and Taylor had offered to give her a ride to his apartment to "make out".
- DB texted Taylor one night from her cell phone, and Taylor told her to only contact him through Snapchat because texting is more traceable.
- DB said she sent Taylor a lot of pictures of herself in a bra and thong underwear and pictures of her bare butt.
- DB said she sent Taylor pictures of that nature several times a day.
- DB said she received pictures from Taylor. DB said Taylor sent her face pictures, a picture of himself shirtless, and a picture of Taylor's clothed crotch while sitting at his desk at school.
 - DB said she was at school when she received the Snapchat of Taylor's crotch and stated the caption with the picture read, "Come sit here". DB said she replied, "I wish". DB said her friend witnessed the picture as well.
 - DB said Taylor told her she was his fantasy, and Taylor was obsessed with her.
 - DB said Taylor also told her he wanted to, "Make out" with her and asked if she had

1	ever had sex with her boyfriend. DB said she was a virgin, and Taylor told her, "Good,
2	save yourself for me."
3	3. Taylor was charged by local authorities with the crime Official Misconduct, ORS 162.415, a
4	class A misdemeanor, based upon the information contained in section 2 above. On August
5	26, 2013, Taylor pled guilty to two counts of Official Misconduct in the Clackamas County
6	Circuit Court. As part of his plea agreement, Taylor agreed to surrender his teaching license,
7	which Taylor mailed to the Commission on August 1, 2013, with a letter indicating he wished
8	to forfeit his license.
9	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
10	Taylor's conduct as described in section two (2) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in
11	violation of of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
12	0010(1) (Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual), OAR
13	584-020-0010(5) (<i>Use professional judgment</i>); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates
14	OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in
15	conduct and conversations at all times); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual conduct
16	with a student) as that term is defined by OAR 584-020-0005(5).
17	Taylor's conduct underlying his criminal conviction as described in section three (3)
18	above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-
19	0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment). This conduct
20	also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c)
21	(Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final
22	judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any
23	other means), specifically ORS 162.415 (Official Misconduct). Taylor's conduct that resulted in
24	the criminal conviction also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR
25	584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in
26	the absence of a conviction), specifically ORS 162.415 (Official Misconduct).
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28	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.
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30	FINAL ORDER
31	The Commission hereby revokes Alexander Joseph Taylor's right to apply for a teaching
32	license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS day of February, 2014.
TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
Tatora Chamberlain
By:
Victoria Chamberlain, 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.

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:

> Alexander Joseph Taylor 3204 NE 31st Ave Portland, OR 97212-2617