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Josh Pickens (156917)  
Discipline Order



1 2. On February 12, 2014, the Commission received a report from the Umatilla School  
2 District alleging that Pickens had violated professional standards. Subsequent  
3 investigation determined the following:

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5 3. On January 22, 2014, the Umatilla School District received information from the  
6 Washington State Employment Security Department (Fraud Investigation Unit)  
7 indicating that Pickens had misrepresented his earnings while claiming  
8 unemployment benefits. Records indicate that during the time between August 17,  
9 2013, and November 16, 2013, Pickens made unemployment claims and was paid  
10 unemployment benefits totaling \$2,623.00 while Pickens was employed full time  
11 with the Umatilla School District. Commission investigators delivered a certified  
12 letter requiring Pickens to contact them for an interview within 14 days. After  
13 multiple attempts to contact Pickens and receiving no response from Pickens, it was  
14 determined that Pickens was refusing to respond and/or participate in an interview  
15 as required.

#### 16 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

17 Pickens' conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS  
18 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*  
19 *professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Falsification of any document or*  
20 *knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional*  
21 *duties*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p) (*Subject to the exercise of any legal right or*  
22 *privilege, failure or refusal by an educator under investigation to respond to requests for*  
23 *information, to furnish documents or to participate in interviews with a Commission*  
24 *representative relating to a Commission investigation*). This conduct also constitutes gross  
25 unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(b) (*Fraud or*  
26 *misrepresentation*).

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28 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
29 342.175.

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1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby revokes Josh Matthew Pickens's Right to Apply for  
3 licensure.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

5 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION



6 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
7 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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9 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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11 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW  
12 MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM  
13 THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE  
14 PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.  
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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:

Josh Matthew Pickens  
2804 W Lyons Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99208-4555

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Patty Liddell  
Investigative Assistant