

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  
5 Teaching License of                    )                    SUSPENSION OF  
6                    )                    RIGHT TO APPLY  
7 JENNIFER CARRIE HALDEMAN                    )  
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9                    On February 24, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)  
10 issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Jennifer Carrie Haldeman (Haldeman) in which  
11 the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness pursuant to ORS  
12 342.175(1)(b)and (c); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5); OAR  
13 584-020-0040(4)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e). The Notice was  
14 sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7010 0290 0001 6831 2134 to the  
15 address on file with the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 24,  
16 2011, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

17                    “IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD,  
18 YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR  
19 FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL.  
20 IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A  
21 HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY  
22 INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER  
23 DISCIPLINE.”  
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25 On March 10, 2011, Haldeman requested a hearing. Negotiations began prior to a hearing in an  
26 attempt to negotiate a settlement. On February 21, 2012, Haldeman sent the Commission email  
27 correspondence advising that she had pursued another career path and was withdrawing her  
28 request for a hearing. Haldeman was advised that such action would result in a default order  
29 being issued as described in her original notice of opportunity for a hearing. Haldeman advised  
30 she fully understood and requested the default order. The Commission, therefore, finds  
31 Haldeman to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and  
32 order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

33                    **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 34 1. Haldeman has not been licensed by the Commission. Haldeman applied for a Student  
35 Teaching program on October 4, 2010. At the time of her application, she was enrolled at  
36 Portland State University.

- 1 2. On October 4, 2010 the Commission received Haldeman's PA-1 Student Teacher or Practicum  
2 Report application to begin your student teaching program. On September 29, 2010, Haldeman  
3 signed the character questions on her PA-1 application for Student Teaching.
- 4 3. Haldeman answered "yes" to question #8 "Have you ever been convicted or been granted  
5 conditional discharge by any court for: (a) any felony; (b) misdemeanor; or (c) any major traffic  
6 violation, such as: driving under the influence of intoxicants or drugs; reckless driving; fleeing from  
7 or attempting to elude a police officer; driving while your license was suspended, revoked, or used in  
8 violation of any license restriction, or failure to perform the duties of a driver or witness to an  
9 accident?" Haldeman disclosed her 2009 arrest for DUII. In her explanation she stated that she  
10 completed a diversion program and the charges were expunged.
- 11 4. Haldeman failed to disclose that in addition to her arrest and conviction for DUII, she was  
12 also convicted of two counts of criminal Reckless Endangerment. The two counts of  
13 Reckless Endangerment stem from Haldeman's arrest for the DUII in April of 2009, when  
14 her 8 year old twin sons were in the car with her. Haldeman was also arrested for Hit and  
15 Run (vehicle/property) but that charge was later dismissed.
- 16 5. On February 8, 2009, Haldeman was convicted of Theft in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. In Haldeman's  
17 explanation she stated that she was charged with theft following her breaking into her own home to  
18 retrieve items during the course of a domestic dispute. Haldeman's conviction for theft stemmed  
19 from a December 11, 2008 incident where she shoplifted items from a grocery store. Haldeman was  
20 placed on 18 months bench probation for this incident.

### 21 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

22 Haldeman's conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of  
23 ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*  
24 *professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any document*  
25 *or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional*  
26 *duties*). This conduct also constitutes Gross Unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR  
27 584-020-0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction*  
28 *includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no*  
29 *contest plea or any other means*), and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in*  
30 *acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

31 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS  
32 342.175.


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1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby suspends Jennifer Carrie Haldeman's right to apply for a  
3 teaching license in Oregon for a period of thirty (30) days, to begin upon the date this order is  
4 signed and in effect.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

6 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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9 By:   
10 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
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14 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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16 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE  
17 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF  
18 THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO  
19 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:

Jennifer Carrie Haldeman  
1 Jefferson Pkwy Apt 158  
Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

By: Patty Liddell  
Patty Liddell  
Investigative Assistant