

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

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4 In the Matter of the)
5 Teaching License of)
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7 RONALD KEITH DRISCOLL)
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On November 29, 2011, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ronald Keith Driscoll (Driscoll) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness pursuant to ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e). The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7011 2000 0001 2182 4579 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated November 29, 2011, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

“IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 60-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE.”

Driscoll did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Driscoll 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. Driscoll has never been licensed as a teacher in Oregon. Driscoll holds or held teaching licenses in the States of Washington and Texas. On March 21, 2011, the Commission received Driscoll’s application for licensure, signed and dated February 11, 2011.
2. Driscoll made application for an Oregon Teaching License on March 21, 2011; Driscoll’s application was signed and dated February 11, 2011. Driscoll answered “No” to all character questions, including questions 1 (*Have you ever left any education or school related employment, voluntarily or involuntarily, while the subject of an inquiry, review or investigation of alleged misconduct? Have you ever left any educational or school related employment when you had reason to believe an investigation for misconduct was underway or imminent?*), 2 (*Are you currently the subject of*

1 an inquiry, review, or investigation for alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional
2 standards of conduct by either an employer or a licensure agency?), 3 (Have you ever been placed
3 on leave by your employer for any alleged misconduct?), and question 9 (Have you ever been
4 arrested or cited for any offense listed in section (8) that is still pending in the courts? This
5 includes any diversion, conditional discharge, or postponed adjudication that has not been
6 dismissed by the courts at the time this application is signed.) Driscoll's answers were false. At the
7 time Driscoll signed and dated his application, Driscoll was under investigation in the State of
8 Washington, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Driscoll had been placed on leave and
9 was subsequently dismissed from his employment. Driscoll had been criminally charged with four
10 counts of assault with sexual motivation. These charges stemmed from allegations that Driscoll
11 fondled minor female students' buttocks, spanked them, and made inappropriate sexual comments
12 to them.

13 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

14 Driscoll's conduct described in section two (2) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in
15 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
16 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any*
17 *document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or*
18 *professional duties*); This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS
19 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts constituting*
20 *criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

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

22 FINAL ORDER

23 The Commission hereby denies Ronald Keith Driscoll's application for a license and
24 revokes Ronald Keith Driscoll's right to apply for a teaching license in Oregon for a period of one
25 (1) year, to begin upon the date this order is signed and in effect.

26 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 23rd day of April, 2012.

27 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

28 By: 
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30 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

31 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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33 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
34 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF
35 THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO
36 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:

Ronald Keith Driscoll
7444 S Bell St Apt 27
Tacoma, WA 98408

Dated this 26th day of April, 2012.

By: *Patty Liddell*
Patty Liddell