1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON				
4 5 6 7 8	In the Matter of the)DEFAULT ORDER OFEducator License of)REVOCATION OF RIGHTJENNIFER K. LYNN)TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE				
9	On December 19, 2019, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission				
10	(Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Jennifer K. Lynn (Lynn) in				
11	which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The				
12	Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7018 1830 0001				
13	6178 6971 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the				
14	Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail				
15	was not returned to the Commission. The regular first class mail was not returned to the				
16	Commission, and both are assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated				
17	December 19, 2019, and signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:				
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-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, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."				
28	Lynn did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Lynn to be in default and				
29	enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files				
30	and records of the Commission concerning this matter.				
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32	FINDINGS OF FACT				
33	1. Jennifer K. Lynn has been licensed by the Commission since June 1, 2005. Lynn's Initial				
34	II Teaching License, with endorsements in English for Speakers of Other Languages				
35	(ML/HS, ECE/ELE L); Multiple Subjects (MIDLVL); Multiple Subjects Self-Contained				
36	(ECE, ELE); and Reading ECE/ELE L), was valid from January 14, 2015, to January 13,				
37	2018. During all relevant times, Lynn was employed by the Riddle School District				
38	(RSD).				
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1	2.	2. On September 14, 2017, the Commission received information from the Riddle School		
2		District	reporting that during a financial audit, Lynn admitted she had done something	
3		wrong.	The district suspected Lynn committed fraud.	
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5	3.	Subsequ	ent investigation determined the following:	
6 7		a	. During a routine financial audit for school programs, an accounting firm	
8			identified that Lynn made approximately \$60,000 in credit card purchases	
9			for school items but was unable to provide proof the items were purchased.	
10			On September 9, 2017, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) began an	
11			investigation into allegations that Lynn provided false documents of	
12			purchases for school programs, for which Lynn was personally reimbursed,	
13			and then used this money for personal gain.	
14		b	. Investigation by law enforcement determined that between May 1, 2016, and	
15			February 28, 2017, Lynn used a computer to access online retail sites to select	
16			items, most of which appeared to be intended for school programs, and	
17			placed the items into digital shopping carts. Lynn would then make a	
18			printout of the shopping carts' contents and exit the site without completing a	
19			financial transaction. Lynn would later submit the printouts to the district	
20			and represent them as actual purchases for reimbursement. Law enforcement	
21			estimated the district reimbursed Lynn approximately \$48,000 for these	
22			fraudulent acts.	
23		с	. On June 18, 2019, Lynn plead guilty in Douglas County Circuit Court to nine	
24			felony counts of theft in the first degree. On August 18, 2019, Lynn was	
25			sentenced on each of the counts to seven days jail, to be served concurrently,	
26			sixty months of supervised probation, counseling for gambling, and ordered	
27			to pay restitution. On September 3, 2019, the Douglas County District	
28			Attorney's Office amended the request for restitution to be $$82,840$.	
29			CONCLUSIONS OF LAW	
30		Jenn	ifer K. Lynn's criminal convictions and the conduct underlying Lynn's criminal	
31	co	nvictions	as described in section three (3) above, constitute gross neglect of duty in	
32	vic	olation of	ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-	
33	00	010(5) (Us	e professional judgment); OAR 584-020-0025(2)(d) (Using district and school	

1	business and financial procedures); OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and			
2	reasonable rules and regulations); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Falsification of any			
3	document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or			
4	professional duties); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(0) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a)			
5	(Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying			
6	personal integrity and honesty); and OAR 584-020-0040(3)(a) (Has been convicted of a			
7	crime not listed in section (1) of this rule, if the Commission finds that the nature of the act			
8	or acts constituting the crime for which the educator was convicted render the educator			
9	unfit to hold a license). Lynn's conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS			
10	342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(b) (Fraud or misrepresentation); OAR 584-020-			
11	0040(5)(c) (Conviction of violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes			
12	any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest			
13	plea or any other means); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission of or engaging in acts			
14	constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction).			
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16	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS			
17	342.175.			
18	FINAL ORDER			
19	The Commission hereby revokes Jennifer K. Lynn's right to apply for an Oregon			
20	educator license.			
21	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS day of January, 2020.			
22	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION			
23 24 25	By:			

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

28 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE

29 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE

30 OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482

31 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

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