

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4 In the Matter of the Educator) DEFAULT ORDER OF
5 License of) PUBLIC REPRIMAND
6 LAURA BLACK) AND PROBATION
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9 On February 21, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10 (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Laura Black (Black) in which
11 the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First
12 Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7018 1830 0001 6178 7329 to the address on file
13 with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes
14 of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was not returned to the
15 Commission. The first class mail was not returned to the Commission and presumed
16 delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 21, 2020, and signed by
17 Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:

18 “IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY
19 PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED
20 UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR
21 REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW
22 YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING,
23 OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING,
24 THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY
25 INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER
26 DISCIPLINE.”
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28 Black did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Black 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.

31 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 32 1. Black has been licensed by the Commission since August 31, 2015. Black held a
33 Charter School Registry, with endorsements in Physical Education (PK-12) and
34 Health (PK-12), valid from August 31, 2015, through August 31, 2018. During all
35 relevant times, Black was employed at the Academy of Arts and Academics (A3),
36 which is now part of the Springfield School District (SSD).
37 2. On February 28, 2019, the Commission received a report from the Oregon
38 Department of Human Services (DHS) indicating Black may have committed