1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 4 5 6 7 8 In the Matter of the DEFAULT ORDER OF Educator License of) REVOCATION AND REVOCATION) OF RIGHT TO APPLY GEORGE L. TEN EYCK IV FOR LICENSURE 9 10 On April 30, 2018, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to George L. Ten Eyck (Ten 11 12 Eyck) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 13 14 7017 0190 0000 6246 9297 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice 15 designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. 16 The Certified Mail was returned to the Commission "Not deliverable" on June 25, 2018. 17 The regular first class mail was not returned to the Commission, and assumed delivered. 18 The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated April 30, 2018, and signed by Anthony 19 Rosilez, Executive Director, stated: 20 "IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY 21 PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED 22 UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR 23 REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN 24 25 ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR 26 SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE." 27 28 Ten Eyck did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Ten Eyck to be in 29 default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, 30 based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter. 31 32 FINDINGS OF FACT 1. George L. Ten Eyck has been licensed by the Commission since July 24, 2013. Ten 33 Eyck's Preliminary Teaching License, with endorsements in English Language Arts 34 35 (PK-12) and Social Studies (PK-12), is valid from March 8, 2017, through March 19, 2020. During all relevant times, Ten Eyck was employed by the Portland Public 36 37 School District, teaching at Lincoln High School.

- 2 2. In June 2017, school officials received a report that during the 2015-2016 school year, Ten Eyck had engaged in a sexual relationship with a then 17 year old student
- 4 () who had attended Ten Eyck's advisory class at Lincoln High School.
- 5 Information was shared with local law enforcement who conducted an investigation.
- 6 Additional information was obtained alleging that Ten Eyck was flirtatious with
- 7 other female students in his class, inappropriately communicated with female
- 8 students via social media / Facebook messenger, and engaged in conversations that
- 9 were overly friendly and inappropriate for a student / teacher relationship. District
- officials started to conduct a local investigation; however, before they could complete
- the investigation, Ten Eyck resigned his employment effective July 12, 2017.

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- 3. Commission Investigators notified Ten Eyck by certified mail December 15, 2017, and again by email on January 5, 2018, of their official request to interview Ten Eyck regarding these allegations. Ten Eyck failed to respond as directed. On July 14, 2017, Ten Eyck emailed the "contact" email for the Commission and asked how he could
- 17 rescind or surrender his teaching license. Follow up emails by the investigator went
- 18 unanswered.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

George L. Ten Eyck engaged in unprofessional conduct as described above. Ten
Eyck's conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR
584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional

judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and

regulations), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (Skill in communicating with administrators,

- students, staff, parents, and other patrons); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual
- 27 conduct with a student) as defined by OAR 584-020-0005(5); OAR 584-020-
- 28 0040(4)(0) as it incorporates, OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (Not demonstrating or
- 29 expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal life), OAR 584-
- 30 020-0035(1)(c)(B) (Not accepting or giving or exchanging romantic or overly personal
- 31 gifts or notes with a student); and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate

1	adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times). The
2	conduct alleged in section three above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
3	ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p)(Subject to the exercise of any legal right
4	or privilege, failure or refusal by an educator under investigation to respond to
5	requests for information, to furnish documents or to participate in interviews with a
6	Commission representative relating to a Commission investigation).
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8	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
9	ORS 342.175.
10	FINAL ORDER
11	The Commission hereby revokes George L. Ten Eyck's Educator license.
12	IT IS SO ORDERED THIS day of August, 2018.
13	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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17	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
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19 20	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
21	SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
22	ORS 183.482 TO 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:

George L. Ten Eyck 125 8th Avenue, Apt 3B Brooklyn, NY 11215

Dated this _____9 th day of August, 2018.

Patty Sheldon

Investigative Assistant