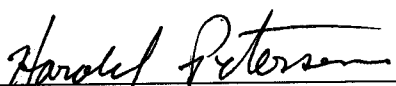
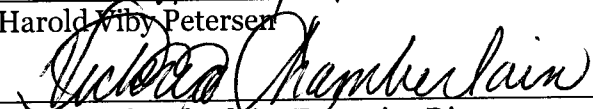


1 Basic Technology Education (018) and Construction (024), was issued on November 3,
2 1997, and expired on June 6, 2003. Petersen did not submit an application for renewal
3 prior to the application submitted on June 4, 2012. Petersen is not currently employed by
4 any known Oregon School District.

- 5 2. A review of Petersen's application noted Petersen answered "No" to all the application's
6 character questions and signed and dated the form on May 29, 2012. Petersen answered
7 "No" to question number four (4), *"Have you ever had any adverse action taken on a*
8 *professional certificate, license or charter school registration?"*; and question number
9 six (6), *"Have you every surrendered a professional license of any kind before its*
10 *expiration?"*, and question number seven (7), *"Have you ever been disciplined by any*
11 *public agency responsible for licensure of any kind, including but not limited to*
12 *educational licensure?"* The Commission discovered during the background check
13 portion of Petersen's application processes that Petersen's California teaching credential
14 was revoked in 1996 for failure to report to work after signing a contract.
- 15 3. Commission investigators questioned Petersen about the discrepancy. Petersen advised
16 that he had hurried through the application and as a result, failed to answer the
17 questions accurately. Petersen explained that his prior, 1995-1996, discipline by the
18 California Commission was a result of Petersen not returning to work after a layoff
19 period, which was a violation of his teaching contract. Petersen advised that he chose not
20 to fight the California discipline and "defaulted" during the process, resulting in his
21 California Credential being revoked. This was verified through documents from the
22 California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

23 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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26 Harold Viby Petersen
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28 _____
29 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
30 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

May 15, 2013

Date
5-17-12

Date

31 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

32 Harold Viby Petersen falsely answered the character questions in his application
33 to the Commission for reinstatement. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in

1 violation of ORS 342.175 (1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-
2 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing*
3 *falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to*
4 *licensure, employment, or professional duties*). This conduct also constitutes a violation
5 of ORS 342.175(1)(e); OAR 584-050-0006(3)(a), (*Notice of denial and right to a*
6 *hearing may be issued by the Executive Director when any of the following conditions*
7 *exist: The applicant submits a falsified application*).

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

10 ORDER

11 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
12 conclusions of law, and based thereon, denies Harold Viby Petersen's application for
13 reinstatement and imposes a six month suspension of his right to apply for a license to
14 begin following the adoption of this order.

15 Issued and dated this 26th day of July, 2013.

16 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**
17 **STATE OF OREGON**

18 By 
19 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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