

AGENCY DKT. NO. 690-11/10

IN THE MATTER OF JUDITH RIVERA KIRTZ, :  
CAMDEN'S PROMISE CHARTER SCHOOL, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
CAMDEN COUNTY. : DECISION  
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The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to attend charter school trustee training in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33* – forwarded to the Commissioner pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29* for final determination on the Commission's recommended penalty, have been reviewed. The Commission recommends that respondent be suspended from Camden's Promise Charter School's Board until she has completed the New Board Member Orientation program, and further recommends that she be removed from this board if this training is not completed by January 8, 2011. Respondent filed neither exceptions nor proof of having attended the required training. Respondent also did not appeal the Commission's underlying finding of violation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:4*.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission and additionally admonishes respondent for failing to honor an obligation placed upon charter school trustees by law, since such failure has resulted in unnecessary expenditure of administrative and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

Accordingly, respondent is hereby suspended as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act, such suspension to remain in effect until the required training is completed; provided, however, that if such training is not completed by January 8, 2011, respondent shall be summarily removed from office.

IT IS SO ORDERED.\*

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 10, 2011

Date of Mailing: January 11, 2011

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\* This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *P.L. 2008, c. 36*. (*N.J.S.A. 18A:6-9.1*)